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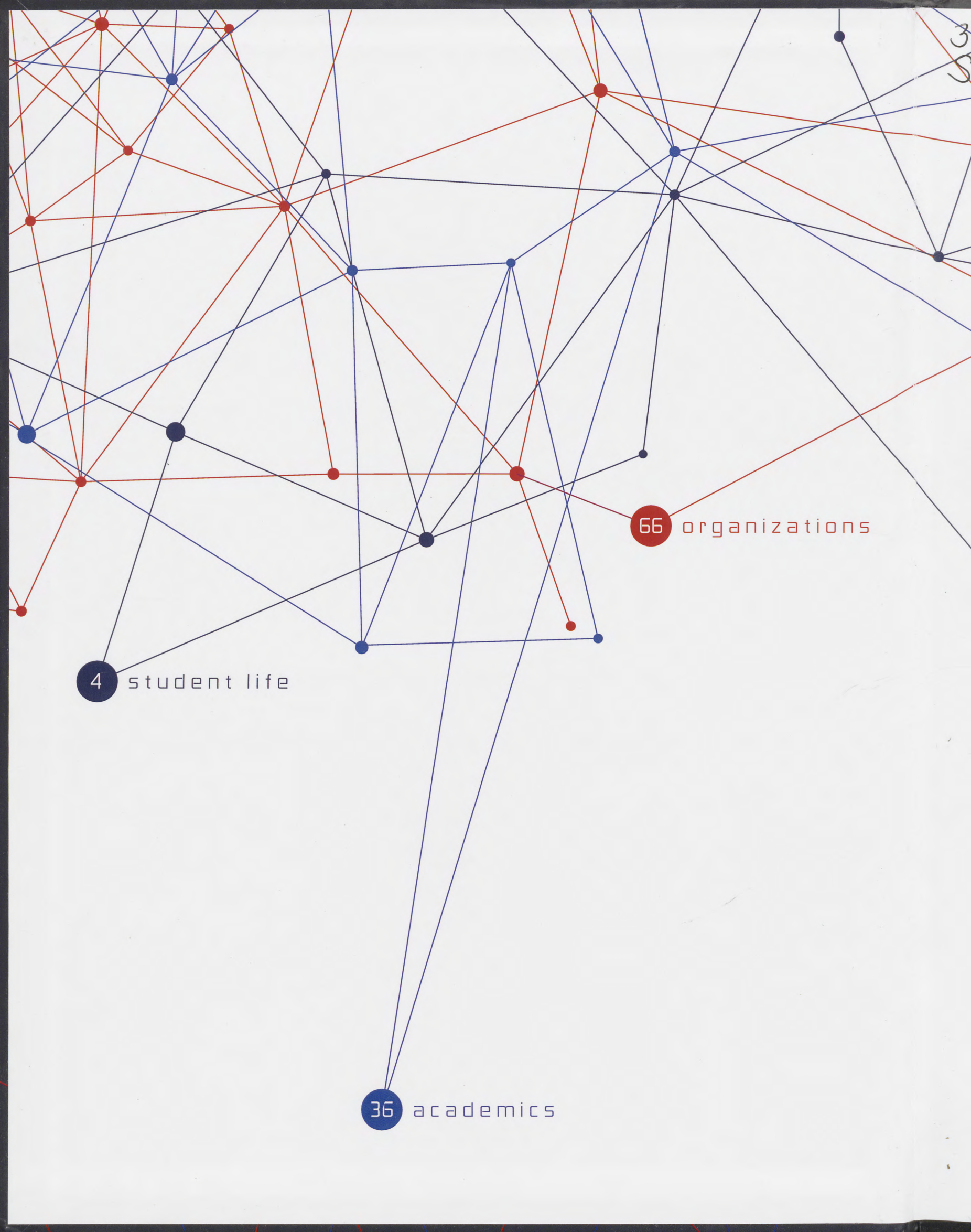
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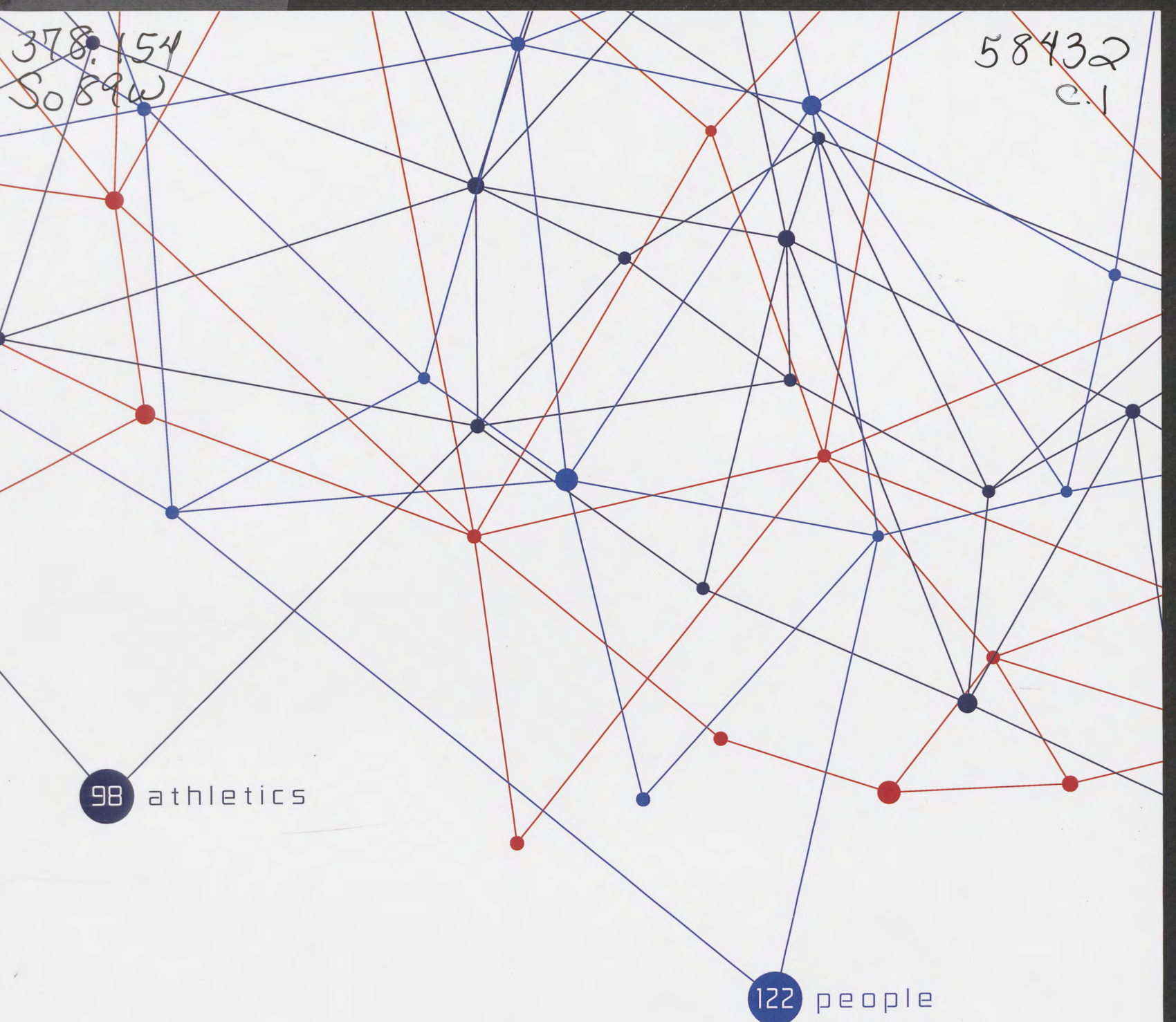
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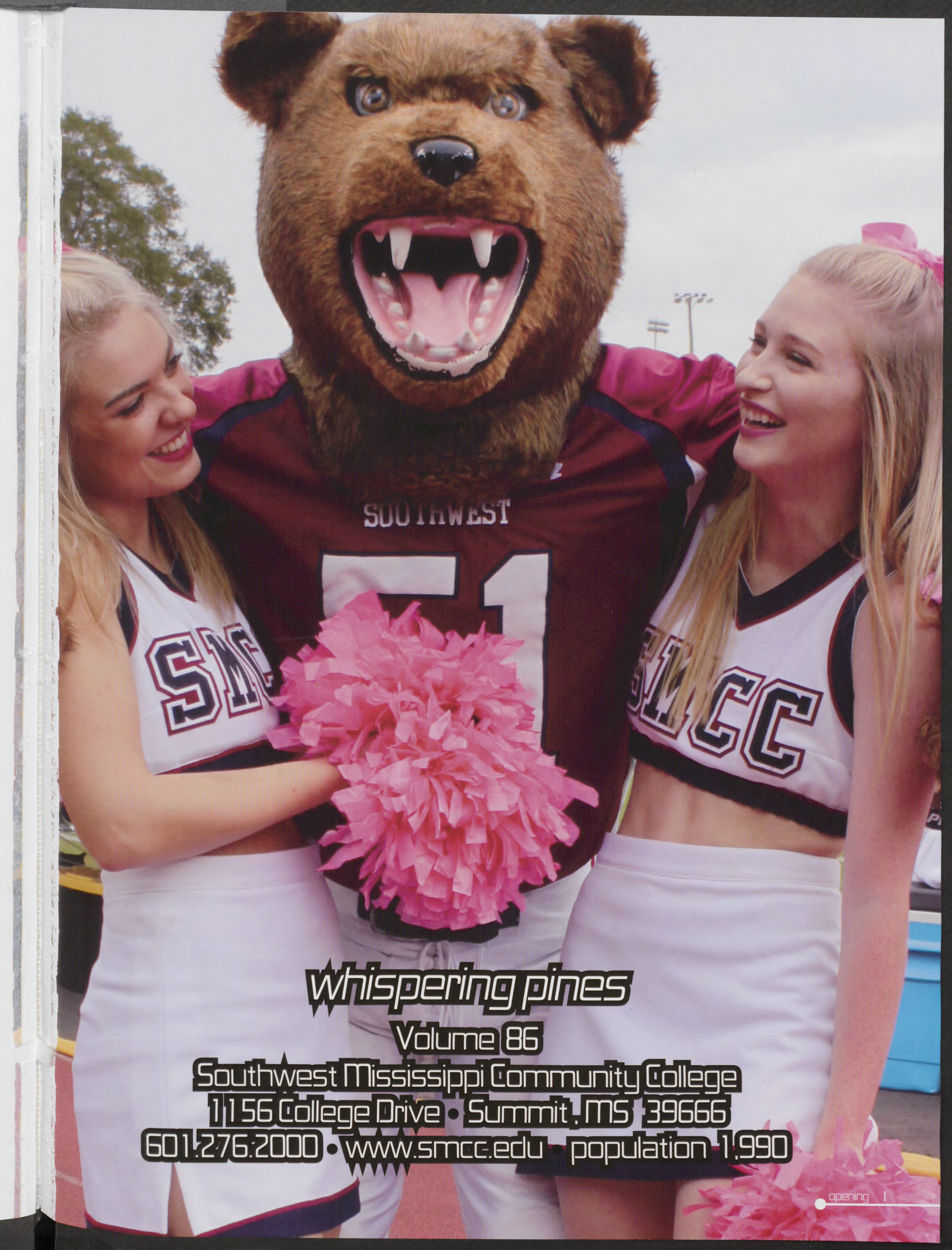
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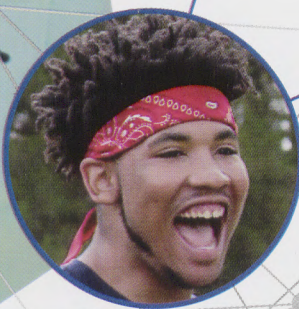
left: Nohemy Giraldo and Brooke Fritz jump with joy at Bear Day; right: Tanessa Rowley dances at the Spring Stage Band show; far right: Diamond Isaac performs at halftime; below: Jeremy Harrell crosses the finish line at Bear Day.



An overwhelming feeling of connectedness radiated throughout Southwest. Everyone, from students and faculty to off-campus community members, participated in campus events that helped round out an overall memorable year. In the classroom making the grade and on the field making the score, the Bears united in showing how they were linked to Southwest.

Recognized by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize, Southwest proved itself a formidable institution. The award recognized four areas of outstanding achievement: learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. Students never missed an opportunity to associate themselves with Southwest. Student enrollment increased by 2.5% in the fall, ranking Southwest as fourth out of fifteen among Mississippi community colleges in overall student enrollment.

by Olivia Saldana



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opening



left: Brooke Smith and Jonathan Scott throw beads to the crowd during the Mardi Gras parade; right: Randi Rowdon smiles as she finishes the two-legged race; far right: Evan Busbin screams for his team during the relay; below: Karli Cruise spins in the dizzy izzy at the Bear Necessities games.



Every year, students were excited to participate in campus events. There was a lot going on around campus, from blood drives and field days to packing parties and an eclipse. The total solar eclipse kicked off the year, drawing students, faculty, and community members around the observatory to view the rare phenomenon. The year would not have been complete without the annual blood drive, an event that flooded the Workforce Training Center. Students lined up to donate a pint of their blood and be one of the many individuals who had an effect on the lives of others.

Packing parties throughout the school year benefitted those affected by local natural disasters. Members of Phi Theta Kappa, Tri-Beta, and the Student Government Association assisted in gathering supplies in a relief effort for Hurricane Harvey victims. The entire campus community joined to celebrate the victories of their favorite teams.

by Olivia Saldana



student life

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student life



tailgating

bears roar together

An integral part of Southwest tradition was tailgating. Every Thursday night, Bears fans united around the John I. Hurst football stadium to cheer on their favorite team. Gathered on the lawn for a good time with their chairs and coolers, followers of the sport were ready for anything that came their way. Fans joined together in celebration when touchdowns were scored and stood undivided if defeat came.

The Student Government Association joined with the fans, ensuring that each event was as enjoyable as possible. By linking with the crowd, fans, and students, the SGA made every Thursday night better. Each SGA member's work ethic, along with guidance from Southwest's administration, faculty, and staff, guaranteed the success of each event.

by Olivia Saldana

above: Alexcia Carr twirls a flag with her teammates.







"golden age"

voices unite audience

During the first week of April, the Stage Band took to the stage for their Spring Show. It was a night full of enjoyable music, singing, and dancing. Under the direction of Clay Whittington, the band performed a variety of songs. The show opened with the song, "Can't Stop the Feeling," from the film *Trolls*, led by Evan Busbin and the stage band singers. The show continued with the band's groovy instrumental rendition of "Vehicle," before the singers returned to the stage to join them in the foot-stomping, hard-hitting "The House is Rockin'."

Playing assorted genres and musical styles, including rock, funk, jazz, and more, the Stage Band, along with the singers and dancers, took the audience on a musical time machine. A major highlight of this journey through time included the Disco Medley, which featured several disco-era hits. The medley featured "Stayin' Alive," "Disco Inferno," "It's Raining Men," and "Celebration," concluding with "Turn the Beat Around." After the Disco Medley, the Stage Band jumped into the next decade for a nostalgic '80's medley. In this medley, the show paid homage to the Golden Age of MTV with classic '80's hits. Emma Walls began the medley with "Material Girl," and other hits followed. Tate Allen performed "Simply Irresistible," Loryn Hollis performed "Smooth Criminal" and "Rhythm Nation," Anna Catherine Trantham performed "Jump," Evan Busbin performed "Jessie's Girl," and Busbin and Clare Clark performed "I've Had the Time of My Life." These songs featured not only soloists, but also backup singers and energetic dance numbers. The show was comprised of a duet, "Unforgettable," sung by Michael Wilson and Erika Alford, and several solos. Among them were timeless songs like "Ain't No Sunshine" and "I Will Always Love You."

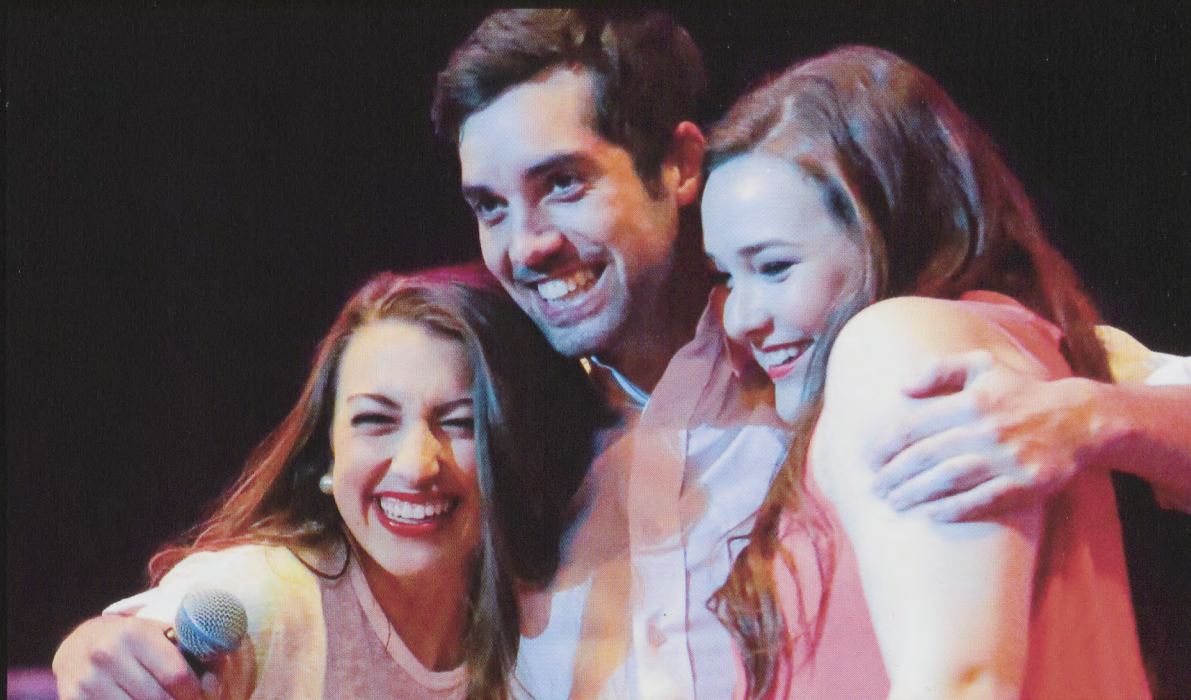
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above: Haley Simmons, Clare Clark, Sami Simmons, Loryn Hollis, Anna Catherine Trantham, Erika Alford, and Brianna King entertain the audience with a Disco Medley.



"dance"

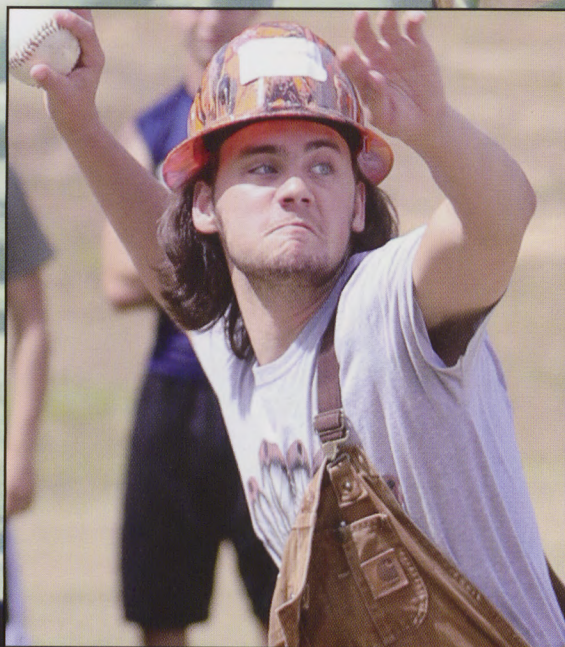
the house is rockin'



opposite page: Anna Catherine Trantham sings "Ain't No Sunshine;" top left: Emma Walls entertains with "Material Girl;" top right: Loryn Hollis sings "Smooth Criminal;" above: Sami Simmons, Tate Allen, and Brooke Wells perform "Simply Irresistible."



above: Lauren Yawn, Alexis Savoie, Darian Galdino, Brianna Bruhl, Amber Ardoin, and Daley Roberts celebrate a win; top left: Matt Lee throws the softball; top right: Maximiliano Gigli and Francisco Alisiardi run in the three-legged race; far right: Brooke Smith and Haley Hargett cross the finish line; right: LAVORCIAY GADDIS spins in the Dizzy Izzy at Bear Day.





bear necessities day


competing rouses bears

Excited Bears donned their team colors and prepared for battle. The long-awaited Bear Necessities Day had arrived, and palpable excitement permeated the humid air. Students from far and wide came to participate and cheer on their favorite participants until the victors stood tall. The sun beamed high overhead, and onlookers sought shade for better viewing. Everyone was excited to see who would come out on top. Competitors painted their game faces on, for the fiercer the appearance, the more frightened the opponent. Team members crowded the soggy practice field to participate in a tug-of-war, tire push relay, three-legged race, dizzy izzy, relay race, and an egg toss. A half-mile run and softball throw were performed by individual competitors. The winners of the half-mile run, Averyon Harris and Peyton Papenburg, representatives of Teams Eleven and Six respectively, beat the clock and came out on top. In the softball throw, team members competed to see who could throw the ball the hardest and farthest. Those students were Chase Hughes, of Team Eleven, and Sabrea James, of Team Thirteen.

Bear Necessities Day simply could not be achieved without team events. The dizzy izzy kicked off the competition, spinning students around a baseball bat hard and fast, before throwing an unlucky few of them on the ground. Before anyone could get too tired, everyone was corralled around the concession stand for lunch. Students, faculty, and staff alike sat and rested while enjoying a delicious meal. The food boosted everyone's morale, and they were ready for the next activity: tire push relay. Contestants could not get their tires going where they wanted them to go; some made it all the way to the finish line, while others tires spun as if they had a mind of their own. The egg toss was by far the most entertaining event of the day. Students gently threw eggs back and forth, widening their distance with every catch. As the space between them grew, so did the tension. Most competitors didn't make it out without goopy ick all over them, but a lone pair stood clean and victorious. The last event of the day was the tug-of-war. Teams gathered on either end of the rope and pulled mightily, until the other team fell or failed.

As the day drew to a close, it was time for the winners to be stated. Everyone circled around the announcer, hoping their team's name would be called. In the men's category, the first place team was Team One, Pancho's Angels. For the women's division, first place was awarded to Team Six, Silent Assassins. Representing the men, second place was Team Six, Good News Bears, and, representing the women, second place was Team Eight, Scrub Life. Bear Necessities Day was a hit. Instructors brought their children, students came from local high schools, and everyone felt connected. We all left supremely happy and exhausted.

by Olivia Saldana



“ Crazy fun describes the
Dizzy Izzy at Bear Day! ”
-Sara Marble

above: Sara Marble lands on the ground during Dizzy Izzy at Bear Day.





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We stood our ground and
pulled with all of our
strength!

”

- *Brooke Fritts*

above: Brooke Fritts, Ailin Franzante, Nohemy Giraldo, and Jennifer Solis pull with determination.



new york network

sharing fosters togetherness

Baptist Student Union members connected to disadvantaged communities in New York City, sharing the Word with the citizens who lived there. The students and chaperones who took part in the trip sent waves of knowledge of the gospel into the parts of the city they touched. Through faith-based volunteer work such as prayer walks, restoration projects, and after-school help, the group networked themselves to the community in their desire to serve.

BSU students worked with Cross Church, a small church that, through the NYC Parks Department, was beginning restoration on a park in the Upper East Side. Students assisted Cross Church in evangelical service in the park, enlightening neighbors. The group also helped the church improve the building in which they held weekly services. Students continued their work in Queens, where they participated in prayer walks with the community, engaging them directly. The group also reached out to individuals, accepting and acknowledging prayer requests in public places in many different neighborhoods. While in Queens, the BSU students conducted research on church planting. While students walked around Flushing, they had conversations with the community about their faith. This, along with the research they conducted, helped prepare the ground for a potential church planter.

Even though they had to put in a lot of work, the mission trip was not only work. While they were not volunteering, students toured the Big Apple and Times Square and visited Lady Liberty herself. The easiest and most efficient method of travel was the subway; therefore, students were obligated to figure that out. The grand tour was rounded out with a glimpse of Broadway, with *Aladdin* as the star.

BSU students were beat by the end of the week. However, having seen to fruition the result of all their hard work, they knew the exhaustion was well worth it. Missions at Southwest continued to grow and connect students and community members across the globe.

by Olivia Saldana



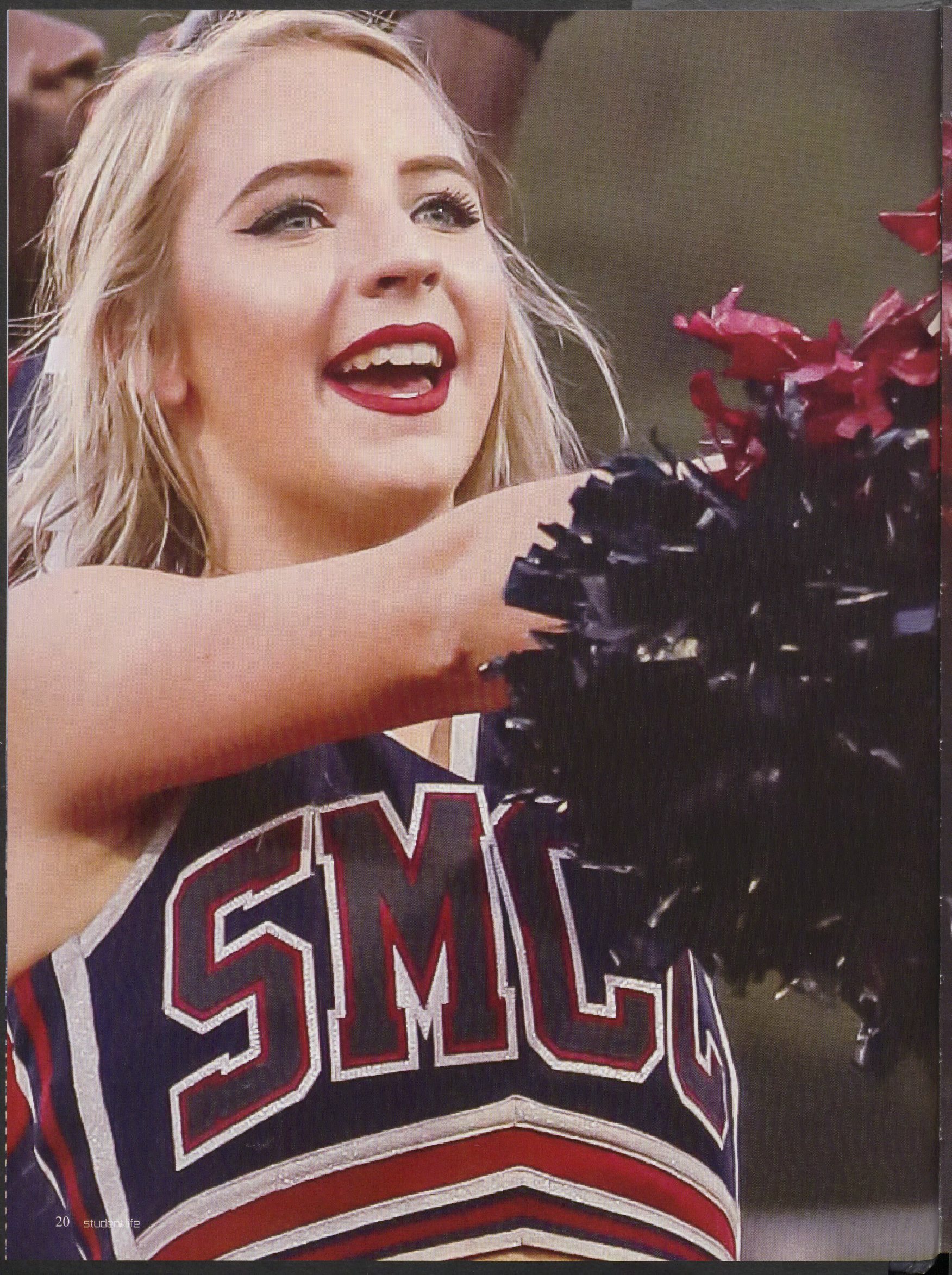
New York was an incredible opportunity to minister to a diverse people group.



-Kelsi Goudeau



left: Brooke Wells delivers an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to a young girl in Madagascar; top left: Brandon Bergeron and Dallas Smith serve in New York; above: Kaylin Boyd makes friends with the ladies of East Asia.



meet the bears

crowd gets loud

Crowded on the field of the John I. Hurst football stadium, Bears fans were eager to get to know the athletes they had been cheering for. Attendees listened excitedly as the football players' names were called, the smell of excitement and pizza wafting throughout the stadium. As each player heard his name, he ran across the field, uproarious applause and cheer erupting from the crowd. The band's constant stream of sound accented the notes of excitement in the air. After the football players were introduced, they lined up on the field for a scrimmage game. Bodies slammed into each other and turf was torn, but the team proved their strong connection to the campus.

The scrimmage ended, and the members of the men's and women's soccer teams were introduced. This caused more commotion among the attendees. The Lady Bears basketball squad was next to be introduced. Each team member's face lit up in delight as her name was called. The men's basketball team ran onto the field next. Applause emanating from the stands could be heard throughout campus. The cheer team was introduced after a spectacular performance. Flips and flourishes galore initiated when each member heard his or her name announced, delighted onlookers erupting in cheer. The dance team stormed the field, performing to the throbbing bass of dance music. The audience was amazed, watching open-mouthed while the dancers accomplished impossible movements, applauding vigorously when each member was introduced. The award-winning softball team was next to be presented, and the crowd showed each player their utmost appreciation. The last team to be honored was the baseball team. Darting across the field with the announcement of his name, each player flexed and posed, showing off to his audience. After the introductions were made, a meet-and-greet was held. This was filled with bright eyes, wide smiles, and imploring questions. At the end of it all, both fans and athletes knew each other like they hadn't before, and everyone was excited to see what the Bears would do this year.

by Olivia Saldana



far left: Jasmine Haynes performs on the sideline; opposite page: Emma Walls cheers on the team; top left: Charlie the Bear pumps up the crowd; left: Ethan Campo smiles as he walks on the field.





krewe of king charlie "the duck march part trois" rouleaux

Beads flew with lots of cheer during Mardi Gras this year. SGA, Student Government Association, connected the students with a lavish parade down College Drive. The theme for the parade was "Krewe of King Charlie, Duck March Part Trois" with Brent Harris and Gwen May designated as the king and queen of the festival. The day ended with excitement as students raced to gather fallen beads from the ground.

With the intent to unify the school, Pat Young, Karinlee Brister and Ashley Gray were the driving force behind the festivities. The event was an excellent time for all, whether they were directly involved with the event or simply observed the festivities. With several shades of purple, green and yellow, students celebrated the holiday together in the safety of their campus without having to travel a great distance.

by Olivia Robinson

above: Brooke Smith, Brooke Wells, and Tyler White toss beads to students.

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a red sequined dress, is twirling a large orange flag. She is looking down and to the side. The background is blurred, showing other people and flags.

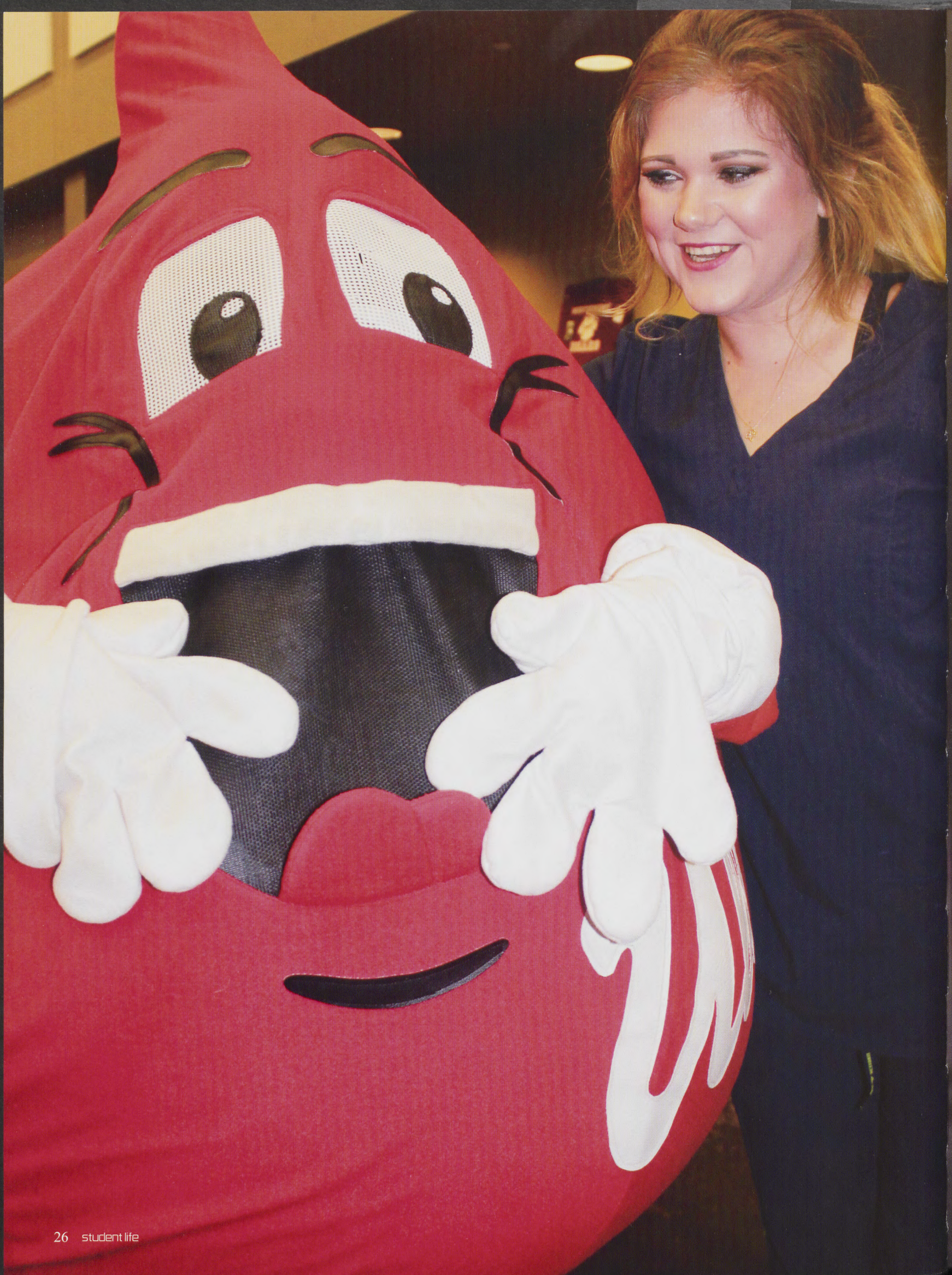
discover southwest experience campus life

Punt, Pass, and Kick for Tuition gathered a huge crowd at the John I. Hurst Stadium to watch students from local high schools aim high to win a semester of free tuition from Southwest. Excited football fans watched as anxious students crowded the stadium with the objective of kicking a field goal and joining the college's student body. At halftime, Austin Fortinberry and Madison Webb, both selected from a list of applicants, lined up on the field to attempt their field goal. Austin kicked a 22-yard field goal and won free tuition. Students who attended the event were offered free admission into the game and a concession stand voucher. Football fans and prospective students united during the festivities. The fans got to see a great game, and students were able to experience life as a Bear. The tradition of Discover Southwest made long-lasting memories for everyone present.

by Olivia Saldana

above: Alexcia Carr and Jasmine Haynes twirl flags during halftime at the football game.





blood drive links

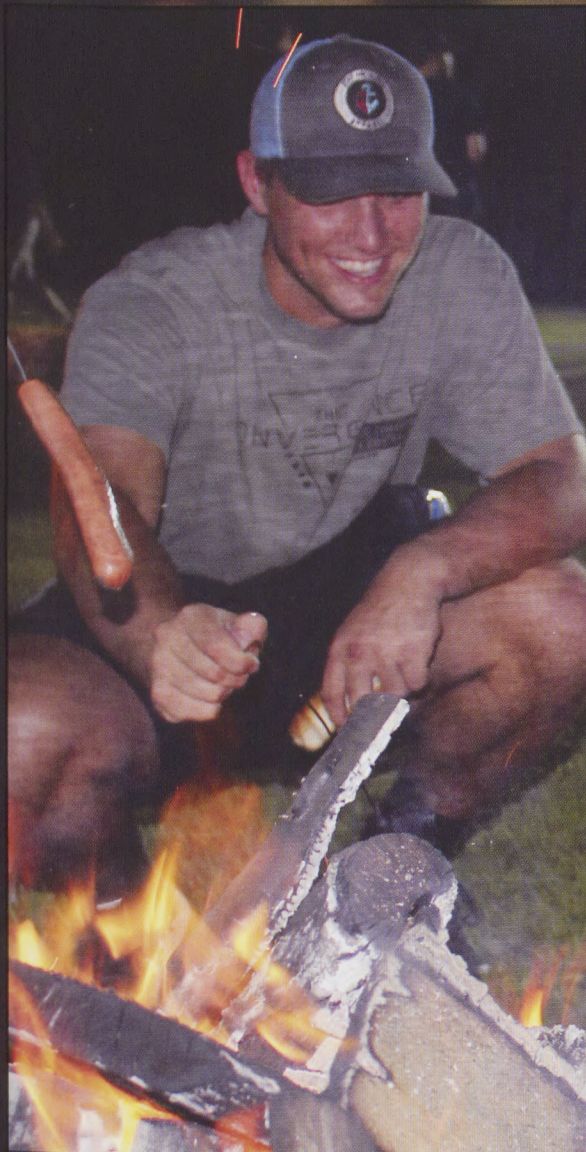
together means more

Campus excitement was palpable as students began participating in events. A total solar eclipse kicked off the school year; eager people from all over the Pike County area gathered around the observatory, hoping to catch a glimpse of the hailed “once-in-a-lifetime” event. A bonfire pep rally was held in the middle of September at which cheerleaders, the band, and Redline hyped up the crowd with performances and music. Enthusiastic cheers and passionate stand tunes could be heard from a mile away, the thick gray smoke and smell of burnt marshmallows filling the air and dreams of students and participants.

The annual transfer fair allowed students to meet with and connect to recruiters representing colleges and universities across the state, a beneficial tool in the transfer process. These recruiters explained to students what to expect for the next two years after transferring to their desired college. Students had the experience of speaking to and developing a bond with someone from campus before even enrolling, creating a unique network of friends.

As usual, the blood drive was packed. Eager donors crowded the Workforce Building for three days, hoping to be one of the many students who made a difference. “Giving blood makes me feel good because I know it will help others,” said student Lindsey Wallace. Two hundred units of blood were collected over three days. The turnout for the blood drive grew every year, showing how much students cared about paying it forward.

by Olivia Saldana



opposite page: Melea Harvey discusses the success of the blood drive with Ubie, the United Blood Services' mascot; above: Tyler White roasts a marshmallow at the Bonfire Pep Rally; top right: La'Treall Smith speaks with a college representative; bottom right: Alexis Dugas views the solar eclipse through the solar lens of the camera at the Observatory.

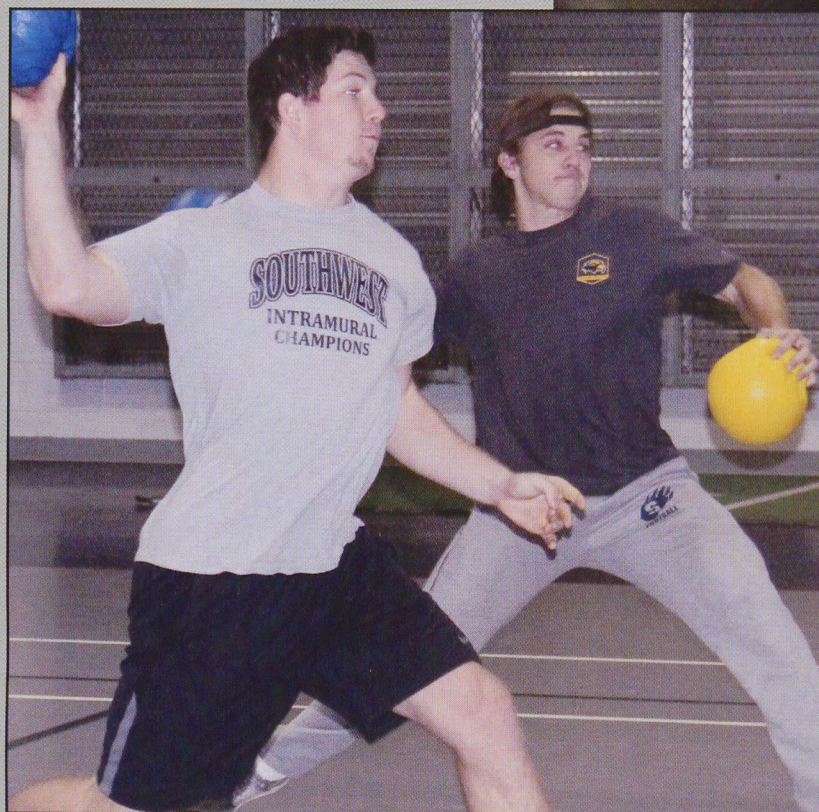
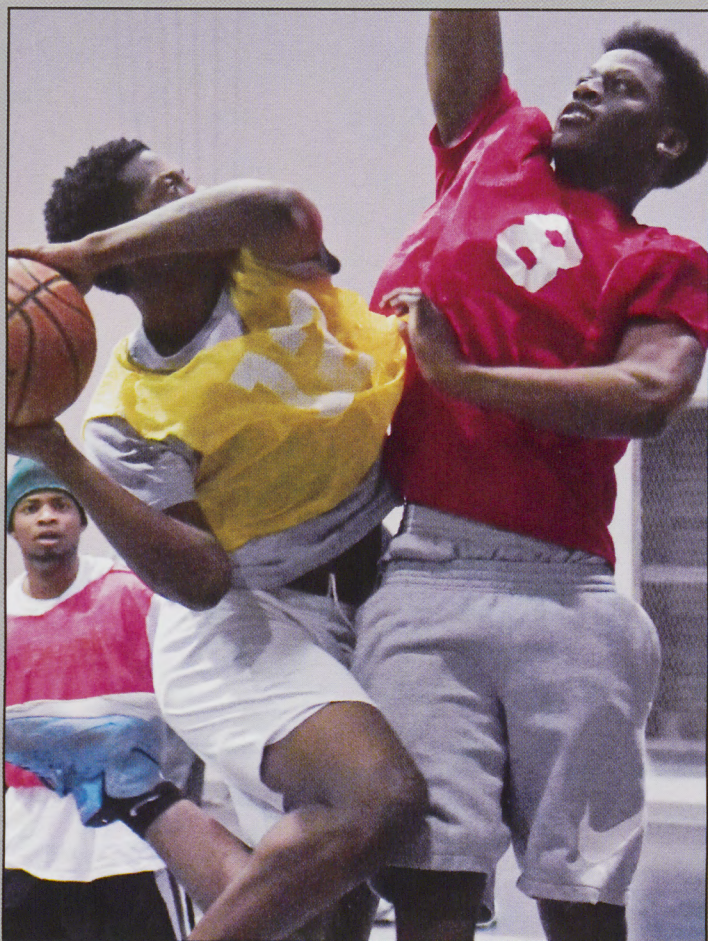
intramurals

competing together wins

Southwest offered to both resident and commuting students extracurricular activities to create friendly competition. Director Bill Wallace organized a variety of competitive sports including basketball, flag football, dodgeball, softball, ping-pong, and billiards. Participants were free to choose their own team members. These sports provided not only entertainment, but also an opportunity to connect with others, build bonds, and become part of a team. More than three-hundred students took part.

Intramural basketball began the third week of the second semester, and it quickly became extremely popular across the campus. Students were drawn in by a sense of pride in their college and themselves. Flag football and dodgeball were the most popular. Audiences poured in to see three strong teams, each six people with at least one girl, face off. They were driven onward by their competitive spirit. Students came together to network, form friendships and build athleticism.

by Caleb Crosby



left: Stephon Walker and Terrion Bell go head to head at the goal; above: Chase Hughes and Conner Cook team up to tag their opponent; opposite page: Jaylan Brumfield runs toward the endzone for a touchdown.



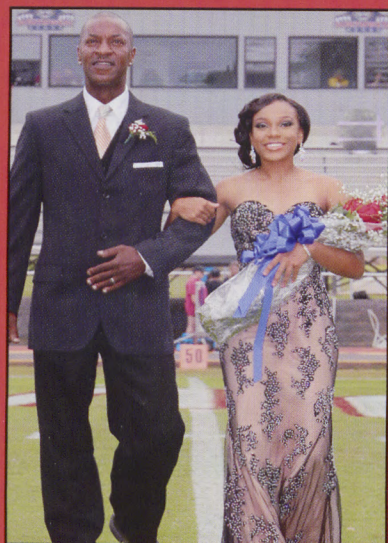
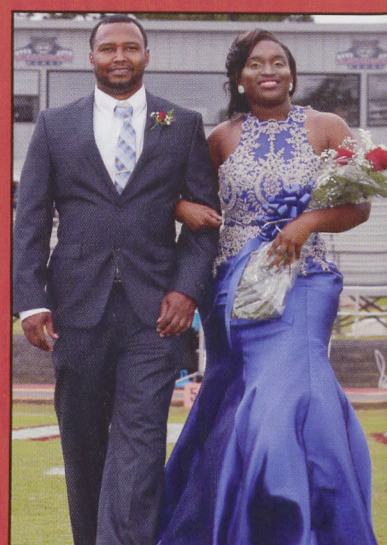
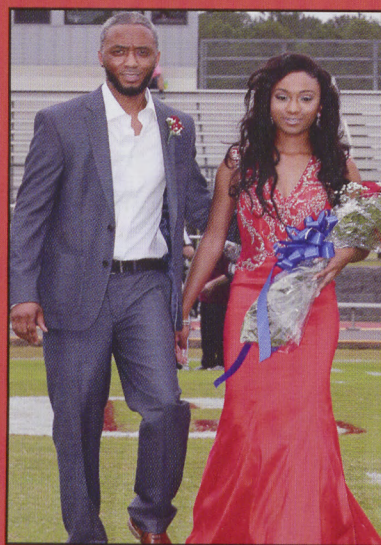
homecoming

"life is sweet at southwest"

Life is Sweet at SMCC," and so were the homecoming festivities. The year's events included a movie night, a cookout and tailgating games, and Southwest's annual Running with the Bears. The week was kicked off with the 5K and a one-mile Fun Run through Candyland, where students dressed like their favorite candies. Prizes were awarded to the sweetest-looking participants. The fun continued at the movie night, where students gathered around a huge screen and watched *Jurassic World*. Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed barbeque together at the cookout, teasing each other as they played games. The events tied everything together, as did the people who shared it. The Homecoming Queen was Danyelle Lewis, and the Student Body Maid was Loryn Hollis. The Sophomore Maids were Jeranesia Haynes, Laura (Liza) Nettles, and Brooke Smith. The Freshman Maids were Tia Bussey, Creshona Kenny, and Anna Morgan Smith. Homecoming honorees were Stan McMorris, Alumnus of the Year; Chad Lindsey, Sports Hall of Fame; Terrance Turner, Sports Hall of Fame; and Stella Dodd and Richard Dodd, Foundation of Fame.

The homecoming theme was fitting, picked just for the student body, it seemed. Life truly was sweet at Southwest, especially homecoming week, when campus morale and unity skyrocketed. "Life is Sweet at SMCC" was a week to remember.

by Olivia Saldana



left: Junior Court members pose for a picture: Maryn Hollis, Anistyn Chaise Henderson, Darian Cotten, Lylah Gibson, and Ashleigh Sharp; top far left: Tia Bussey, Freshman Maid, walks across the field with her father, Toney Bussey; top middle: Anna Morgan Smith, Freshman Maid, poses for a photograph with her father, Jeremy Smith; top left: Creshona Kenny, Freshman Maid, makes her way to the center of the field with her father, Chris Kenny; top right: Jeranesia Haynes, Sophomore Maid, poses for a picture with her father, Jerry Haynes; opposite page: Danyelle Lewis, Homecoming Queen, smiles to the crowd beside her father, Danny Lewis; middle: Loryn Hollis, Student Body Maid, smiles at the fans with her father, Chris Hollis; above right: Brooke Smith, Sophomore Maid, flashes a smile at the crowd with her father, Chris Smith; above left: Laura Nettles, Sophomore Maid, makes her way to the middle of the field alongside her brother, Joshua Nettles.





homecoming

"life is sweet at southwest"

Sweet was not enough to describe life at Southwest during homecoming week. Faculty, staff, and students united to turn campus into a real-life Candyland. On Monday of homecoming week, the college held its annual Running with the Bears, a 5K and one-mile Fun Run trek through Candyland. People came from all over the Pike County region to participate in the event, dressing deliciously as their favorite candies to go along with the theme.

Students also participated in many other activities, like the cookout, coronation ceremony, induction ceremony, and movie night. At the cookout, everyone devoured mouthwatering pulled pork sandwiches and sausage dogs with all the fixings and played tailgate games. The gorgeous homecoming court was honored during the coronation ceremony at halftime of the homecoming football game. Afterward, Stan McMorris, Chad Lindsey, and Terrance Turner were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Students gathered at the John I. Hurst Stadium to watch *Jurassic World*; sounds of enjoyment boomed through the bleachers. Life definitely was sweet at Southwest, especially during homecoming week. Everyone on campus, including faculty and staff, made everlasting memories and connections to their college.

by Olivia Saldana



left: Holding decorated lollipops, Kimi Jeanson smiles as she embraces the homecoming theme; middle: Taylor Thornton feels accomplished at the end of the 5K; far left: Tia Bussey runs to finish the race; top left: Elizabeth Foster, Liza Nettles, and Olivia Robinson pose in a gingerbread house; above: Kelsi Goudeau, Brooke Smith, Edward Howard, and Anna Aucoin race to the finish line.



homecoming

honorees bridge time

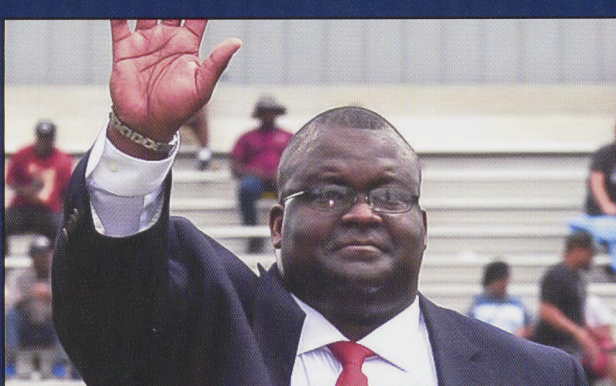
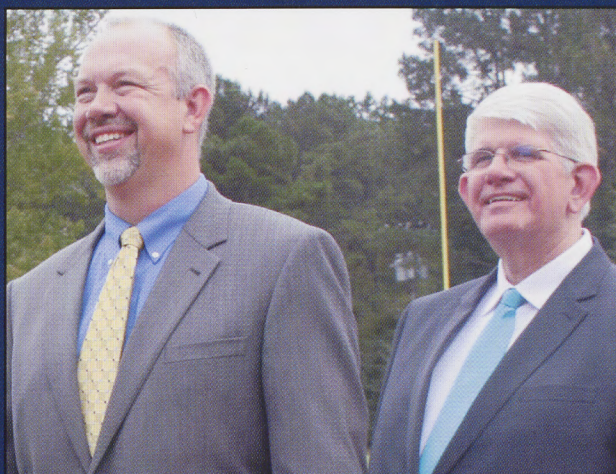
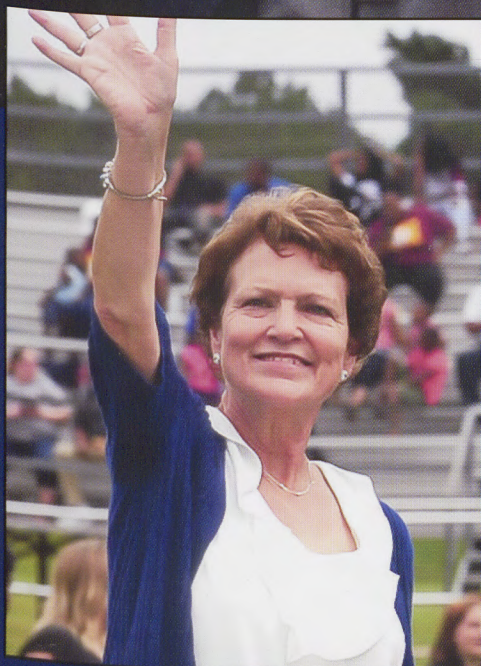
Alumni Association honored Stan McMorris, Alumnus of the Year; Chad Lindsey, Sports Hall of Fame; Terrance Turner, Sports Hall of Fame; and Stella Dodd and Richard Dodd, First Bank, Foundation Hall of Fame. Stan McMorris graduated from Southwest Mississippi Community College with his Associates of Arts degree in 1974 and continued on to receive his Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1976. McMorris was a former member of the McComb Rotary Club and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, where he was presented the Oliver Emmerich Award for his service to the county.

Chad Lindsey received the *Enterprise Journal's* Player of the Year Award in 1993 and graduated from Southwest in 1994. Lindsey went on to play football at the University of Southern Mississippi under scholarship for three years. He was an involved Dixie Youth baseball and Parklane elementary football coach. Lindsey was a lifetime member of the SMCC Alumni Association and a member of the McComb Rotary Club, where he served as president 2015-2016.

Terrance Turner received his Associates of Arts degree from Southwest Mississippi Community College in 1988 and continued to Millsaps College School of Business, where he graduated in 1990. Turner was the owner of several businesses in the region. He was also a board member of the McComb Civil Service Commission, a board member and presenter for the Lincoln County Mississippi Scholars Program, and the project manager for the Army's Intelligence Test and Evaluation Command.

First Bank had strong roots in the area. In 1932, when Southwest Mississippi Community College became a junior college, the bank was the only bank in Summit. The relationship between the bank and the college remained strong from the 1930s until now. Gordon Covington became president of First Bank in 1962; his son Jim was Chairman of the Board, and his daughter Stella Dodd and grandson Richard Dodd were both Senior Vice-Presidents.

by Olivia Saldana



left: Terrance Turner waves with gratitude; far left: Richard Dodd salutes the fans; top left: Stella Dodd smiles as she walks on the field at halftime; above: Stella Dodd, Richard Dodd, Terrance Turner, Chad Lindsey, and Stan McMorris smile as they are announced; top right: Chad Lindsey and Stan McMorris recognize friends.



left: Kelly Campbell, Kimi Jeanson, and Branson Blanton conduct an experiment in science lab; right: Will Fauver sings "Silent Night;" far right: Charayana Johnson sings "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" for the group; below: Shinah Moore greets visitors on campus.



Southwest connected the local counties of Pike, Amite, Walthall, and Wilkinson, aiding students in future success inside and outside the classroom. The college provided an incomparable education and joined it with unwavering support from ever-helpful tutors and staff. The programs offered a diversity of instructive selections formatted to fit into every student's ultimate career plan. The career-technical programs, such as Oil and Gas Production Technology and Practical Nursing, allowed students to get their hands dirty while learning exactly what it would be like to work in the field. Language courses taught students proper communication skills for future use in the workplace. Keeping up with advancements in modern science, technology, and application programs like Anatomy and Physiology and Computer Concepts networked students to the modern world, giving them deeper insight into what was going on around them.

by Olivia Saldana



academics



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academics





academic overview

language connects students

Southwest offered both academic and career-technical programs, allowing students to charter their own paths. Although the college seemed split academically, it stood undivided in its ultimate objective of helping students further their educations and brighten their futures. Organizations and school projects allowed students from both programs to connect and share knowledge of their curricula and better understand each other and themselves. While attending Southwest, students of any career interest had the opportunity to become valuably prepared for advancement to a four-year institution or trade affordably.

Students were not alone in their quest for knowledge. Advisors aided the students in everything, from planning their courses to exploring career opportunities and rooting for their students to aim high and reach their full potential. The college kept its promise of providing an incomparable start to a four-year education, thanks to the combined results of its exceptional academic departments and hard-working administrative staff. Both academic and career-technical programs along with various opportunities and organizations provided by Southwest secured students to a bright, positive future and provided an unparalleled college experience.

above: Olivia Saldana, Kyia White, and Liza Nettles play the Spanish I word game in Dr. Elaine Coney's class.

by Olivia Saldana





business/computers

expanding networks across the globe

Motivation drove students in the business and computer technology programs to excel at their practices and coursework. These students learned valuable lessons dealing with common financial situations in the workforce and within their own lives. The classes that were offered ranged from Macroeconomics to Computer Applications, where students were taught about the phenomena of output, unemployment, and inflation.

Students who took part in the Computer Concepts courses were taught about computer hardware, software, and the benefits of networking. Students were also taught about the different types of computers and their functions. These courses provided the students with the information needed to correlate with others in their field. Upon graduation, these courses transformed mere students into economically successful business people.

by Olivia Robinson

above: Brianna Pevey, Summer Trigg, and Brigitte Cioran post a tax documentation.

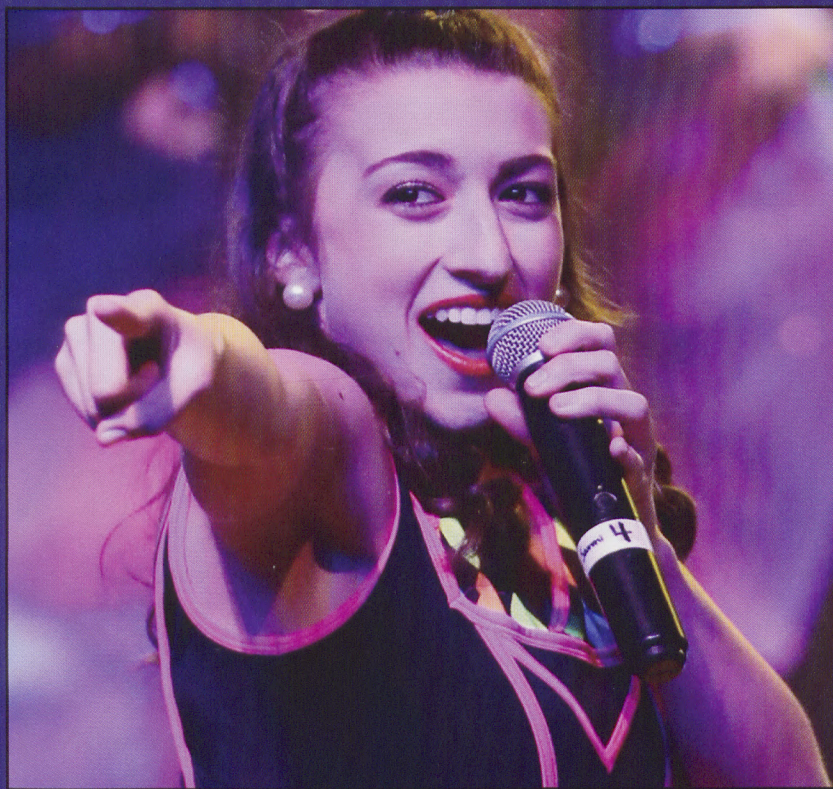


fine arts

talent thrills fans

Producing artists with remarkable talents in all forms of media, the Fine Arts Department allowed students to connect with one another through their passions. Artists of all forms touched the hearts of many with every ballad preformed and brush dipped in paint. Musicians stood proudly on the stage serenading people who came far and wide to listen to Southwest's musically inclined. During Christmas and Spring, musicians entertained audiences with Stage Band performances by singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Students not only excelled in music, but also in other art forms. Students participated in all forms of art classes such as Drawing I, Drawing II, Painting, and Design, which were offered to learn the basics that would help them improve their craft in future institutions. Every moment spent learning how to improve their craft was time worth spending if it meant uniting an artist with their craft, themselves, and each other.

by Kelsi Goudeau, Olivia Robinson, and Olivia Saldana



left: Michael Wilson and Emma Walls perform a duet; opposite page: Clare Clark dances to "Can't Stop the Feeling;" top left: Sami Simmons performs an '80's Medley;" above: Will Fauver sings "Can't Stop the Feeling."

languages

linguistics skills link cultures

Language was the only course that was required for all students. These courses were vital to the curriculum in order for students to communicate, not only in the United States, but also in other countries. The ability to connect with other cultures and languages across campus and the world was crucial. With the aid of English instructor Gwen May, students became entranced by the beauty of linguistics and learned how to link their newfound skills to the professional arena.

Students' confidence in speech-giving grew in Public Speaking, where they delivered all forms of speeches in various presentations. This course expanded students' knowledge of rhetoric and the necessity of communication in the modern world. In World Literature, students learned about ancient written works and read prose from across the globe; they were introduced to many different forms of writing. From English and Public Speaking to foreign language, all language classes were designed to improve students' ability to communicate, allowing them to better network both to their futures and to other cultures.

by Olivia Robinson and Olivia Saldana



above: Nick Dickinson smiles as he gives the correct answer; above right: Amethyst Mitchell completes an essay in the computer lab for Joyce Mabry's English Composition I class; opposite page: Marissa Brown makes eye contact during her speech in Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin's class.



mathematics

complex fields require reasoning

Mathematics was a requirement for graduation. Even though mathematics was difficult, many students learned to appreciate the subject's practicality and even came to enjoy it. Students believed in doing everything they could to graduate and overcome the challenges of their courses. Therefore, if a tough subject like mathematics presented itself, students called upon instructors to help them better understand every aspect of the problem so they could succeed. Students who were seeking a degree in fields such as engineering, mathematics, pharmacy, and computer science were offered several advanced mathematics courses such as Calculus, Trigonometry, Statistics, Differential Equations, and Quantitative Reasoning. They were required to take some of these classes for their major, but they were also offered a few of them to enjoy as electives.

In many career paths, mathematics was necessary to understand complex operations. Tasks like programming computers and performing chemical reactions required advanced mathematics equations. Even simple tasks like paying for a fast-food meal necessitated basic algebra. Mathematics was a vital part of daily life, and the instructors guaranteed that students left with an understanding of the subject's fundamentals.

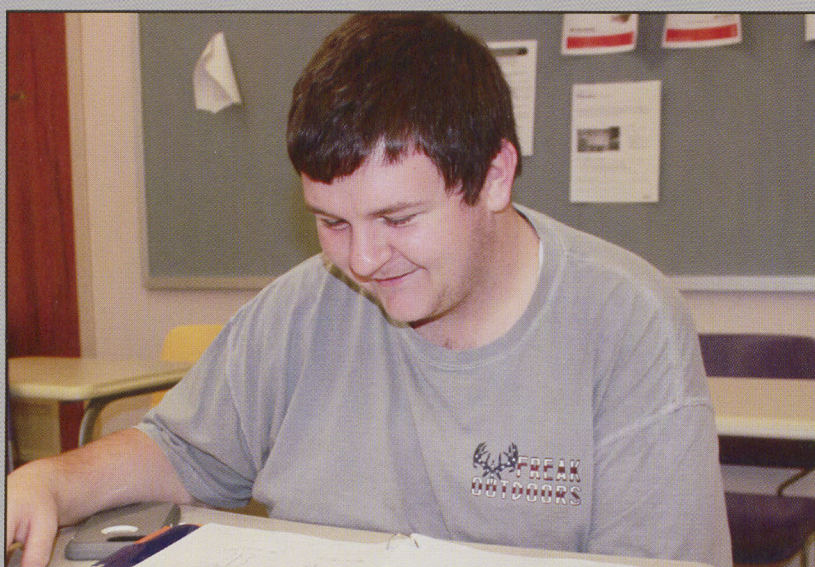
by Olivia Saldana

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*Studying for math requires discipline, but it
pays off at the end of the semester.*

”

-Danielle Clark



above: Austin Wall reviews his notes; right: Andreona Bell works one more problem to secure her understanding of the lesson; opposite page: Danielle Clark prepares for a quiz by practicing math problems.



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Work with a partner to solve the problem.
Write down your solution for each part, and explain it to your partner.

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 $(x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$
 $x - 2 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$
 $x = 2$ or $x = 3$

science

explore the unknown

Science courses increased students' curiosity about what was going on around them. Students studied everything from the microscopic atomic level to enormous biological organizations of animals and their environments. Chemistry courses taught students how tiny atoms affected every aspect of their lives. Subjects like bond characteristics and behavior, intermolecular forces, and reaction types improved students' understanding of biological and chemical processes. Biology classes were comprised of detailed studies of the processes involving living organisms and the taxonomy of those organisms. Students were excited to learn about the photosynthetic cycles of different categories of plants and the characteristics of fungi classifications. In Anatomy and Physiology, human body systems were discussed in great detail, allowing students to better appreciate the complexities of human structure and function. Physics courses involved in-depth discussions of the laws that govern nature. Students learned about Newton and Einstein, the concept of gravity, and the different forms of energy.

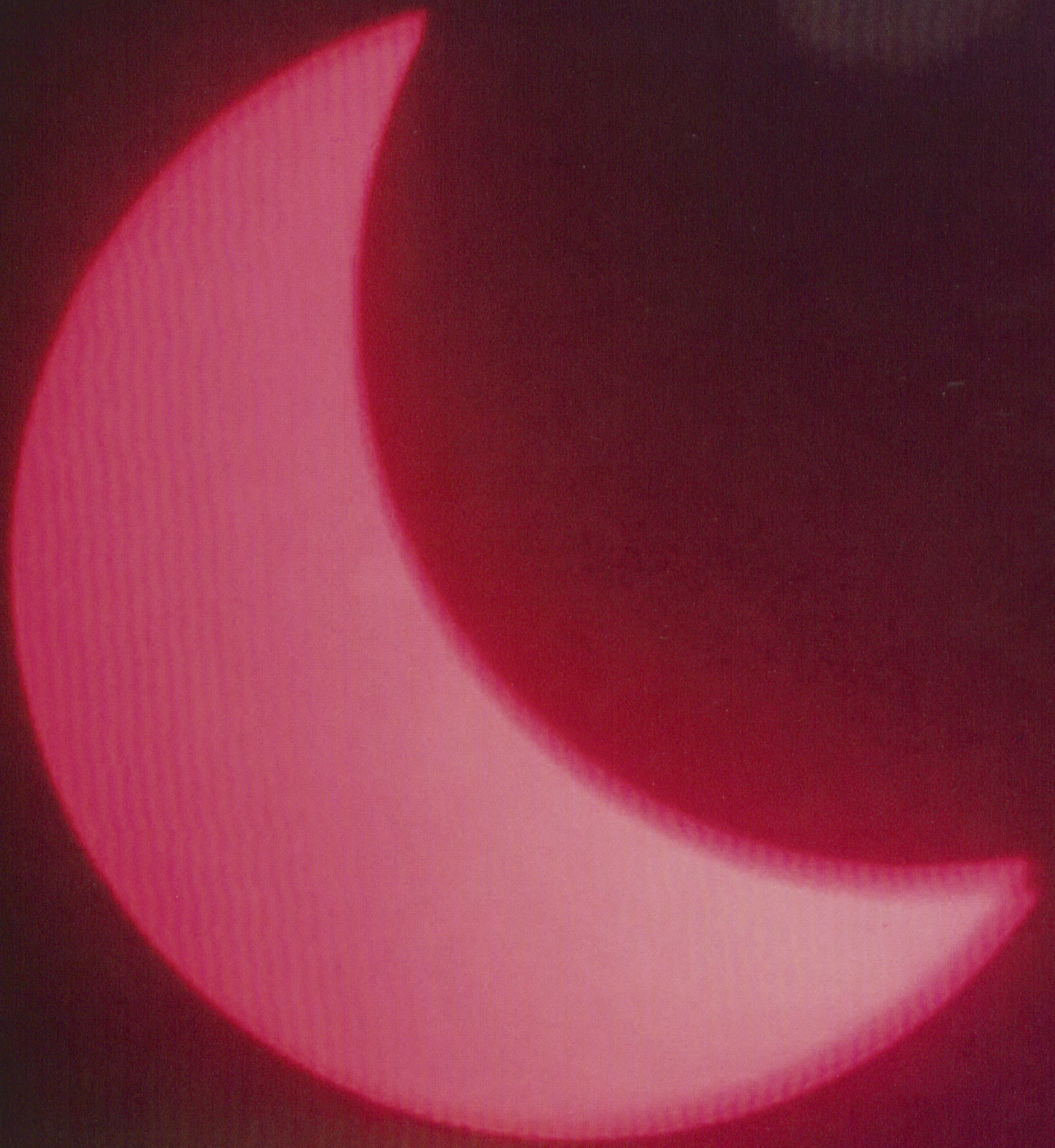
Along with the science classes came labs. This was where students applied the knowledge they gained from lecture. Organic chemistry students performed the tricky processes of distillation and recrystallization. In General Chemistry, titrations were executed with a practiced hand; even a tiny extra drop of the titrant would cause a radical fluctuation in pH. Realistic human bones and replicas contributed to Anatomy and Physiology students' understanding of the many parts of the skeletal system. When they needed a little extra assistance, Wilma the skeleton was there to help the students. Sympathetic and informed instructors were always available for the students, to provide support and answer questions. No matter the major or career interest, students enrolled in science courses left with a more enriched understanding of the world around them.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Brandon Oliveras prepares for a dissection;
above right: Kanesha Smith and Myesha Landrews
dissect a frog; opposite page: Michael Ginn views
the solar eclipse through a telescope; right: Kaitlyn
McCarlie and Jasmine Haynes mix liquids
for an experiment.





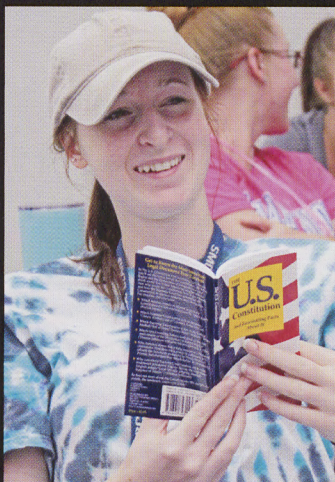
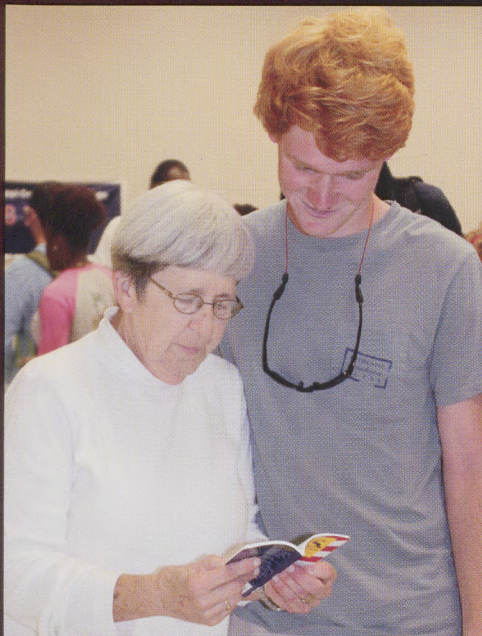
social science

solar eclipse piques fascination

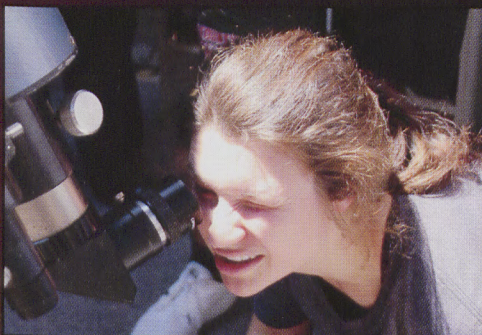
Social science courses taught at Southwest allowed concerned students to gain knowledge about current events happening all over the world and past victories achieved by great people. Material covered in social science classes ranged from long-gone ancient civilizations to incredible wars and treaties and even theories that questioned why people behave the way they do. Classes such as Western Civilization, American History, American National Government, and State and Local Government helped students link the past and the present. Human development and cultural diversity were brought into sharp focus in other classes like Sociology, Psychology, and Marriage and Family Living.

Using methods such as research, panel discussion, and lecture, students learned their chosen social science courses. Instructors presented curriculum as panel discussions to spice up the everyday routine; panel discussions engaged students in applying the information they learned in class, preparing research, and working with others effectively and efficiently to present that information to the class. Through the Leadership and Organizational Skills Forum, students learned about different styles of leadership and leadership skills and how to solve problems more effectively. Group discussions were an integral part of all social science courses. Courses taught in the social sciences widened students' horizons and gave each student a new, unique perspective on what was going on around him or her. For example, students experienced the rare solar eclipse at the campus observatory.

by Olivia Saldana



left: Sarah Dormody examines the constitution; below: Alexis Dugas and Tre'Von Cooper photograph a phenomenon. below left: Haley Hargett peers at the eclipse through a telescope; top left: Merrielyn Ginn, Social Science instructor, and Michael Quin Jr. read the amendments.



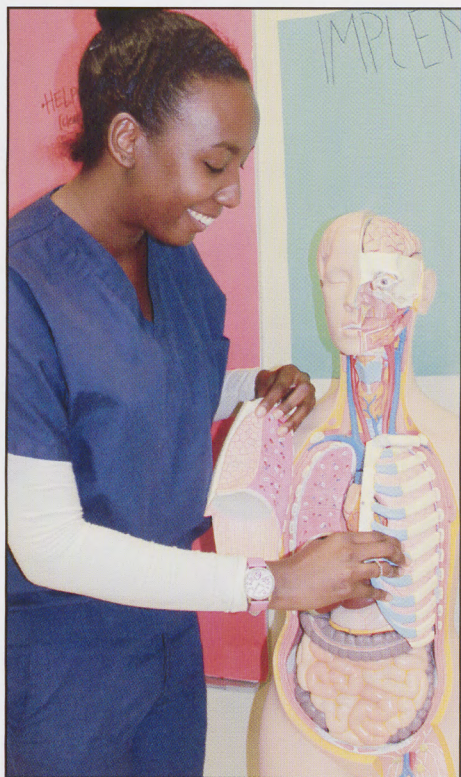
health occupations

students prepare for the future

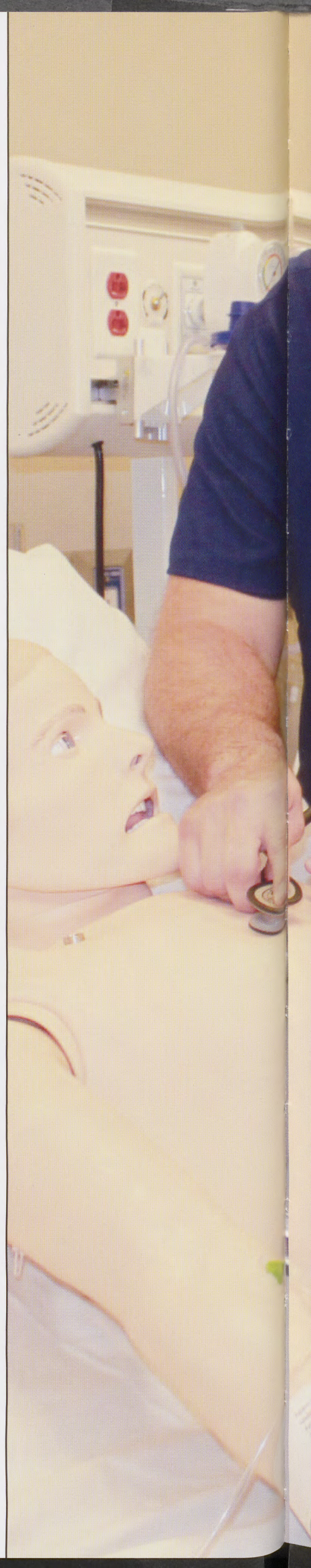
Learning to save lives had never been so rewarding for nursing students. Affixed with bountiful knowledge, nursing students performed all forms of complex procedures. The program through which they learned such valuable skills was rigorous and required several hours of dedication. Determination was a valuable tool for students as they had to manage their time between lectures, lab simulations, and real-life medical situations. By experiencing scenarios hands-on, nurses more effectively connected with their patients, fellow nurses, and doctors.

Upon completion of the program, nurses integrated themselves into the network of other healthcare professionals or proceeded to a four-year institution to further their education. Regardless of their choice, the world of nursing greatly benefitted from more healing hands.

by Olivia Robinson



above: Megan Carter examines the skeletal system; top right: Matt Dyess performs a blood infusion; opposite page: Chris Taylor, Karlissa Turnage, and Ciera Horton listen to the heart rate; right: Kaylin Boyd and MeOshia Williams check the patient's pulse.





career and technical programs

skills secure future

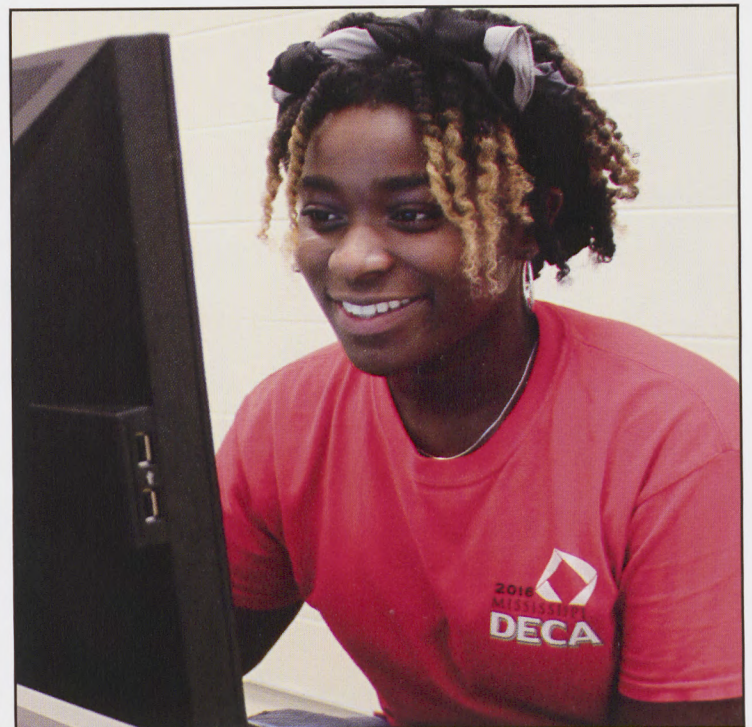
Students who sought to make a jumpstart in their career of choice took part in the Career-Technical Program. Southwest offered twenty-one programs, ranging from Early Childhood Development Education to Information Technology, all of which were necessary for the well-being of the community. These programs were designed to equip students with the necessary education to get the job done. Students who graduated were well-prepared to take on the weight and responsibility in the work force.

One Career-Technical program offered at Southwest was the Oil and Gas Production Technology program. This program placed students in wood pellet mills, asphalt plants, and industrial construction. After completing an Associate's degree, students had the option to continue their education for more job opportunities.

The Career-Technical Center provided students with hands-on learning, including labs offering real-life situations and computer simulations. Students got a feel of what their chosen field would offer upon completion. Federal and state safety and environmental regulations taught in the program ensured that students stayed up-to-date on the policies. Through their determination and dedication, students securely linked themselves to their chosen field.

by Sarah Polk, Olivia Robinson, and Olivia Saldana

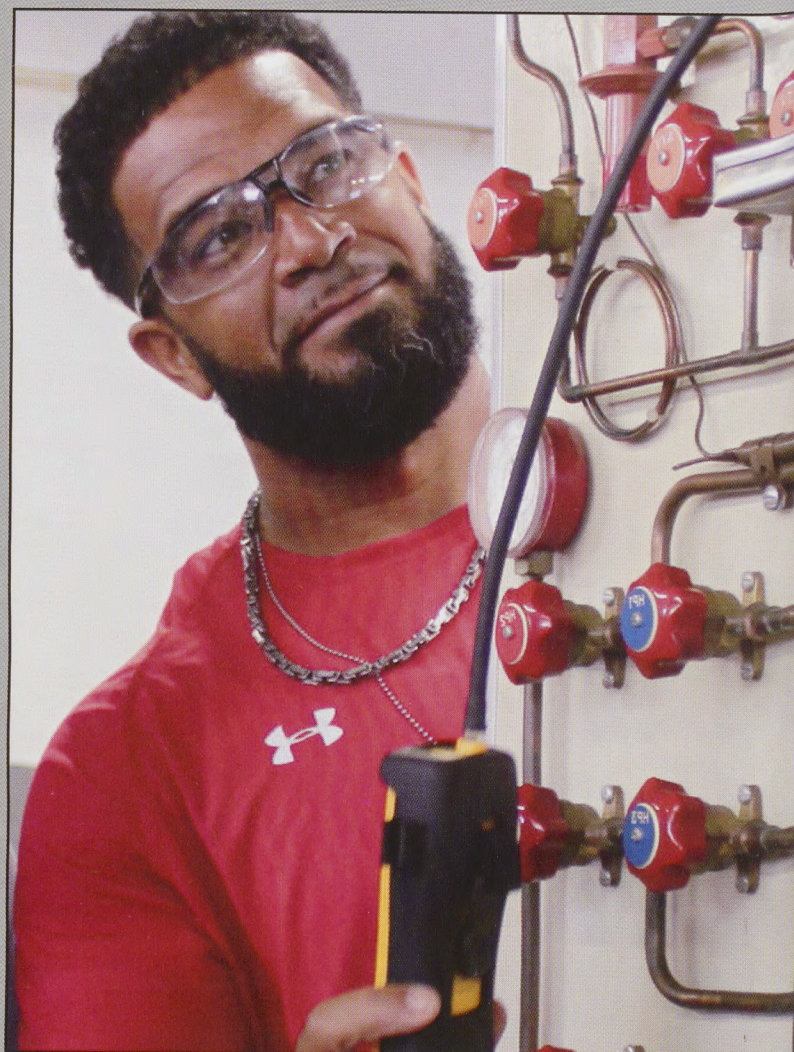




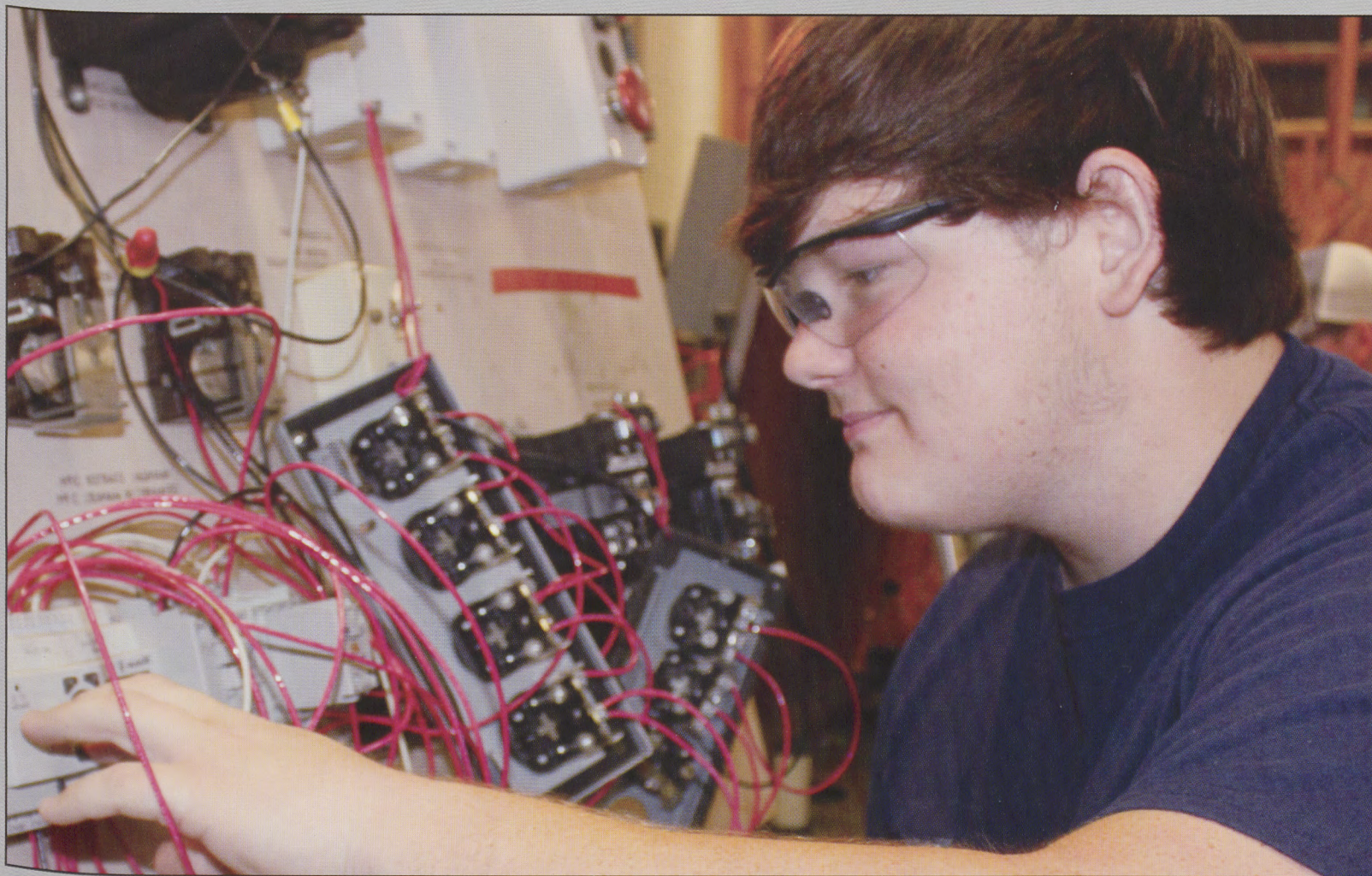
left: Luke Stewart and Ryan Smith, Oil and Gas Production Technology students, check valves and knobs on a simulator; opposite page, left: Hunter Corkern, Carpentry student, cuts a piece of wood for a project; opposite page, far left: Ty Lacoste and Johnny Turner, Diesel Equipment Technology students, adjust belts; opposite page, top: Jeranesia Haynes, Early Childhood Development student, fits a puzzle piece into a puzzle with Dillon Boleware; top: Tyler Stewart and Grayson Terrell, Welding and Cutting students, weld sheets of metal together; above: Neshun Holmes, Banking and Finance student, creates a Word document.

career and technical programs

Accounting Technology
Automotive Technology
Banking and Finance Technology
Business and Marketing Technology
Business Management Technology
Carpentry (Residential)
Commercial Truck Driving
Computer Network Technology
Cosmetology
Diesel Equipment Technology
Early Childhood Education Technology
Electrical Technology
Health Information Technology
Heating and Air Conditioning
Medical Office Technology
Health Care Assistant
Occupational Safety and Health
Oil and Gas Production Technology
Practical Nursing
Welding and Cutting
Well Construction Technology



above: Kade Lear and Bailey Pittman, Automotive Technology students, provide overall service to a vehicle; opposite page, top: Randall Connelly, Electrical Technology student, secures wiring into a panel; opposite page, bottom right: Taren Terrell, Cosmetology student, styles hair on a mannequin head; opposite page, right: Leigh Anne Gibson, instructor, demonstrates the correct use of a banking application to Natasha Harris, a Banking and Finance student; right: Martin Quinn, Heating and Air Conditioning student, checks the air-conditioning refrigerant.





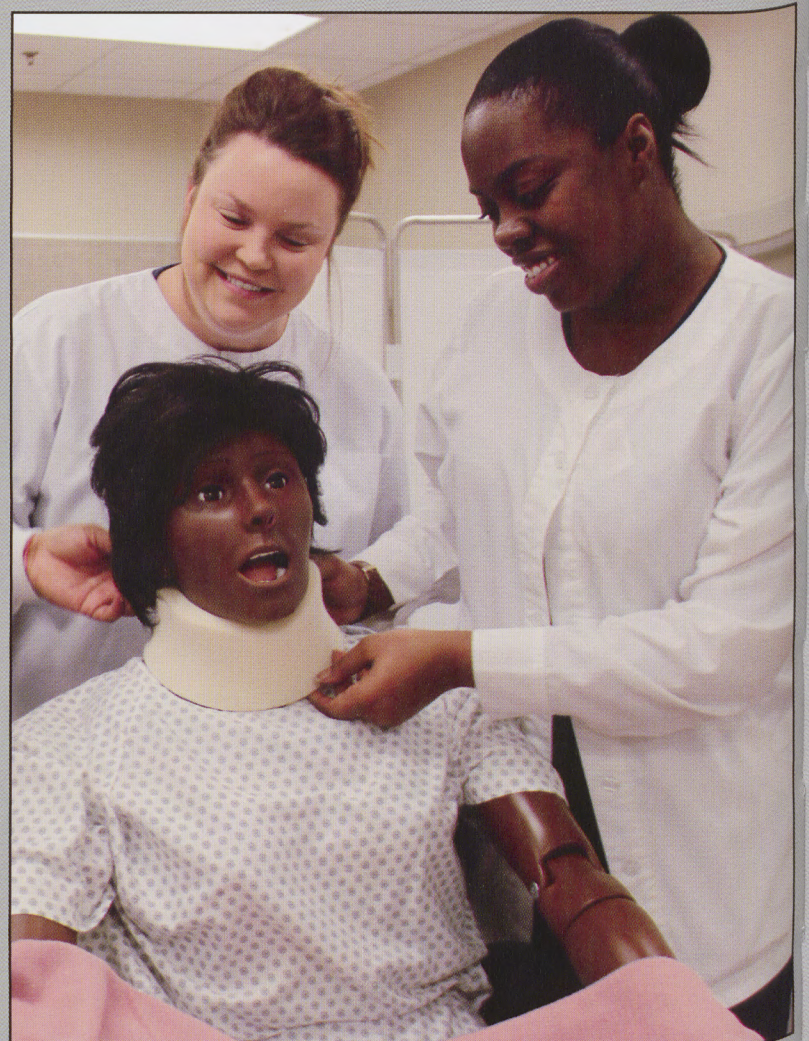
nurse assistant and practical nursing program prepares for workforce

Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program worked persistently to develop the skills necessary to aid people during their time of need. Guided by Southwest's knowledgeable, experienced educators, they learned how to properly dress patients' wounds, administer the right dosage of medications, and the importance of communication with their patients.

Southwest, having recognized the high demand for qualified individuals in the healthcare field, worked continuously to graduate well-trained nurses to fill these positions. Along with a one-year program in Practical Nursing, the college also offered a one-semester program for Nurse Assistants. These programs educated students in a way that gave them the tools to succeed and allowed them to incorporate seamlessly into the workforce.

by Olivia Robinson and Caleb Crosby

above: Ashley Martin, Breanna Woodard, and Candace Weathers check the patient's vitals; right: Caitlan Loftin and Kenisha Coffie secure a neck brace on the injured patient.





business/computer technology

students benefit from training

Students joining the business and computer technology program studied aspects of computer technology and their applications in business situations. Each student gained the skills necessary to secure jobs in the work force while learning how to deal with common financial situations in the workplace and their everyday lives. The program offered a variety of classes from Macroeconomics, where students learned about concepts like output, unemployment, and inflation, to Computer Applications.

Computer Concepts' pupils learned about different types of computers and their functions, computer hardware, software, and the benefits of networking. These courses were extremely beneficial because computers were used in almost every facet of life, especially working environments. Upon graduation from these courses, students had acquired the skills necessary to become proficient, economically successful business people.

by Caleb Crosby

left: Orlandra Simon completes an online assignment;
below: Amanda Domine, Shelby Siebert, and Charayana Johnson analyze a document.





industrial career technology knowledge enhances success

Industrial Career Technology linked students to their desired area of employment immediately following graduation. Welding and Cutting, Well Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, and Oil and Gas Production were just a few of the many opportunities offered to students. Enrolling in career technology programs gave students not only access to contemporary learning methods and materials, but also concerned instructors who were passionate about molding students into their best.

Along with the many courses offered, students were able to explore other career options, identify their strengths and weaknesses, and have some fun. The program gave students all the necessary tools they needed to excel and even surpass their peers; they were regularly briefed on the qualifications and standards the industry expected and often chose to exceed those expectations. Graduates advanced to become involved, successful members of their community.

by Olivia Saldana

opposite page: Tyler Stewart and Chance Letchworth, Welding and Cutting students, inspect a torch mechanism.

“*Being able to work with such advanced tools and equipment in the Welding and Cutting program really prepared me for my career.*”

-Chance Letchworth

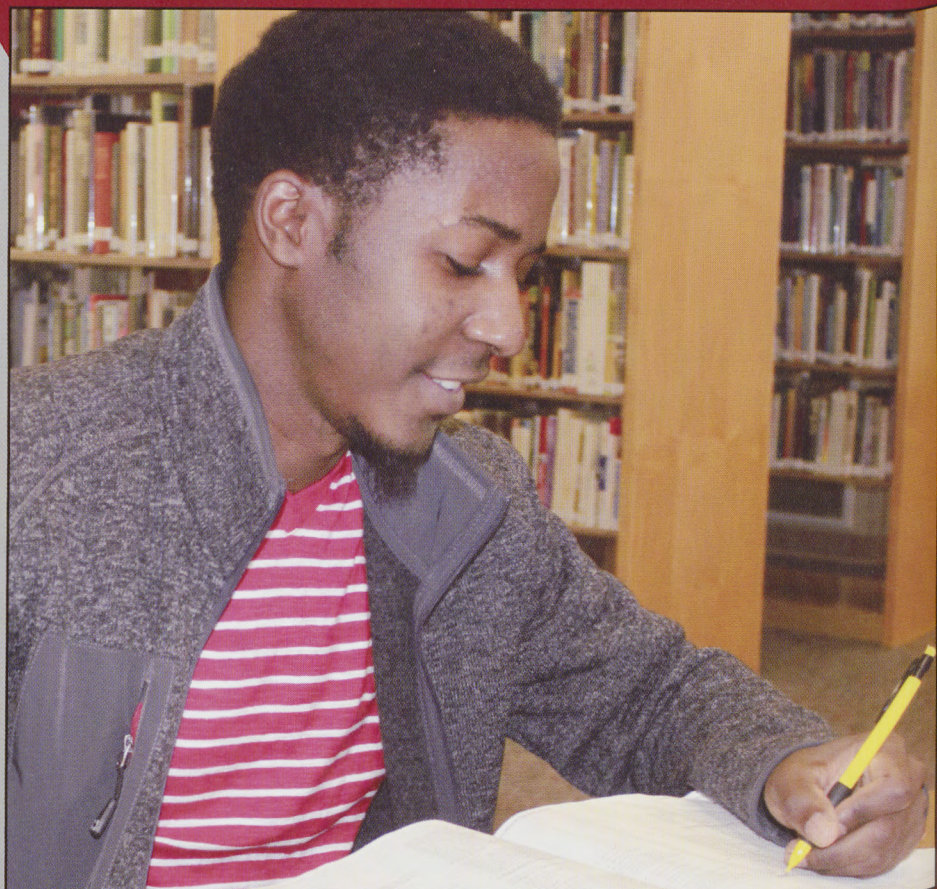
library-learning resource center

tutors and resources incite learning

William C. and Lula B. Ford Library was never empty as students checked out reference material and did homework. The library created the ideal atmosphere for studying and learning new things. There were books, newspapers, magazines, and computers in the library that were available to every student. Maintaining a collection of over thirty-six thousand books and periodicals, the library contained any written piece that students needed for their classes. MAGNOLIA, the online resource for literature, was also easily available to students through phones, tablets, and computers. This invaluable resource provided materials such as articles, essays, and journals that assisted students in their language courses.


Resources at the library went far beyond print. The Student Success Center offered struggling students concerned tutors in English, math, and science; these tutors were able to ensure the success of any student and, along with instructors and librarians, provide them with the highest-quality educational materials they needed to achieve their goal.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Kyle Dillard logs onto his Canvas account to view his grades; top left: Cari Hampton reviews her notes; top right: Myrna Casciola helps Niaya Thompson with assigned homework; opposite page: Mandy Byrd edits document; right: Jeremiah Kasozi studies his nursing handouts.



A photograph of a modern building with a red brick and light-colored concrete facade. The building features a prominent entrance with a large overhang. The text "REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER" is displayed in large, dark, serif capital letters on the upper part of the facade. The building has multiple levels with brick columns and concrete beams. Large windows are visible on the lower level, reflecting the surrounding environment.

REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

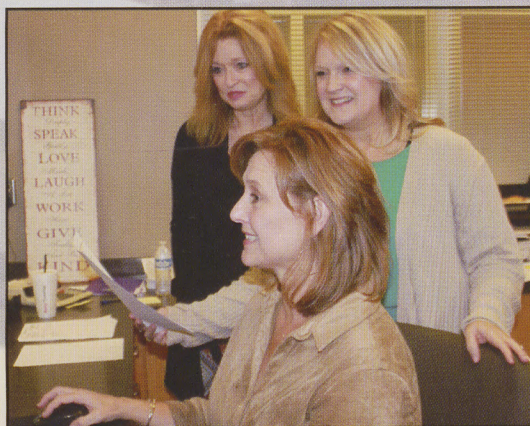
workforce center

workforce supports community

At the Regional Workforce Training Center, the needs of the community were gratified. The center gave students, local employers, and the general community short-term, non-credit training. Programs ranging from Emergency Medical Technician training to Law Enforcement Academy created jobs that boosted nearby economic growth. As well as career-oriented training, the Workforce Training Center provided certification classes, including resume writing and interviewing skills seminars. The MIBEST project created opportunities for individuals to achieve a high school credential while simultaneously working on a career certificate. While the program continued, it also provided extra assistance to those individuals who faced hardship.

The Regional Workforce Training Center was host to many events that were open to the community throughout the year; the center had a great impact on local job growth. Job fairs put the unemployed back on their feet and stimulated the economy. By providing certifications and specialized job training to eager individuals, the center played a key role in networking the community to its leaders.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Dr. Wendy Smith, Workforce Training Center Director, calculates logistics for various workforce programs; top left: Loran Gerald, Workforce Training Coordinator; Savina Falvey, Workforce Training Coordinator; and Gina Stutzman, Workforce Training Center Secretary/Receptionist; discuss upcoming occupational opportunities; above right: Sarah Polk studies for her class in the workforce center.



left: Brooke Wells and Kaila Denton
kick to the beat; right: Kaitlyn McCarlie
edits yearbook pages; far right: Jasmine
Chatman beams with pride at Meet
the Bears; below: Sarah McMillan
introduces the next performer.



Many opportunities for students to get involved on campus were offered. Organizations included honor societies, religious foundations, and more that were available to enhance the lives of students. Honor societies such as Phi Theta Kappa and Tri-Beta allowed students to take their education beyond the classroom. Tri-Beta was accessible for those students who excelled in science classes with a B average or higher. The Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation offer spiritual guidance and fellowship opportunities to students in a positive, Christian atmosphere. Academic organizations included DECA, the Student Nurses Organization, Phi Beta Lambda, Future Educators of America, and Health Information Management Student Association. Each of these groups strove to help students in the classroom and gave them a better understanding of their career goal. Other groups reached out to students and the community via publications and elected representatives. These are the Pine Burr, Whispering Pines, Student Government Association, and Bear Trackers. Musical organizations, marching band, and stage band, regularly put on phenomenal performances.

by Olivia Saldana



organizations



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organizations

bear trackers

ambassadors link students

Bear Trackers were outstanding students who were selected to serve the Southwest campus and surrounding community. The select few that made it through the rigorous application and interview process began working right away on each campus event that was approaching. Members assisted with the College Transfer Fair and fundraising for the group; members of the organization were well-known faces around Southwest. The students comprising Bear Trackers served as ambassadors, reaching out to local high school students and spreading the word about the excellent experience that Southwest offered.

Karinlee Brister, the Southwest recruiter, and Pat Young, Director of Counseling and Recruitment, were the driving force behind the Bear Trackers. The annual Punt, Pass, and Kick for Tuition event was a hit with local high school students competing to receive a free semester of tuition. Staying busy fundraising events such as the Belk Charity Sale, the Golden Corral Student Server Night, and the Jambalaya Plate Lunch Sale, the Bear Trackers worked diligently to offset the cost of their annual Beach Therapy Leadership Retreat in Gulf Shores, Alabama. The popular Princess Ball and Superhero Ball ended with a huge success as it created a night packed full of memories cherished by many families of local citizens. Alexcia Carr served as the Bear Trackers president, who worked diligently to make each event at Southwest and in the community a success.

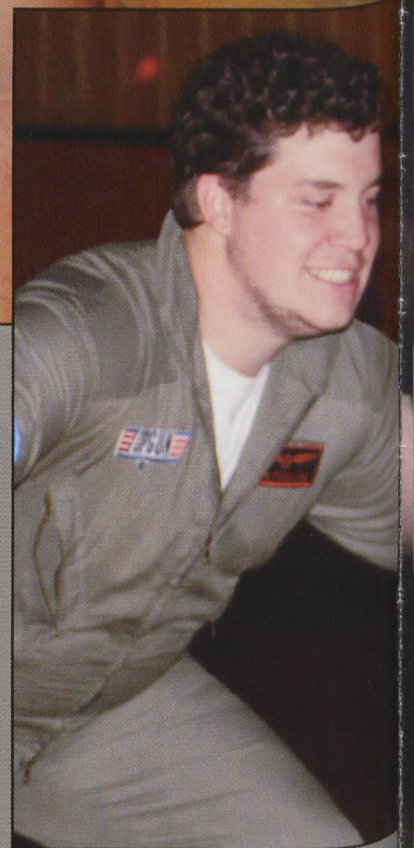
by Kaitlyn McCarlie

right: Myles Kendrick and Aaron Buckley explain scholarship opportunities at the Transfer Fair; far right: Alexcia Carr, Ashley Vanegas, and Taylor Thornton inspect the application folder for upcoming freshmen; opposite page: Ryan Ivey, Aleigh Flynn, Edward Howard, Anna Klaire Dorr, and Anna Aucoin read college information.



above: Pat Young, advisor; Renner Rallos, Kaitlyn McCarlie, Leanne Fuqua, Desmiuna Gayden, Emma Claire Dunaway, Valerie Dixon, Brooke Smith, Kelsi Goudeau, Alexcia Carr, President; Mandy Byrd, Angel Holmes, Taylor Thornton, Staceyona Dillon, Aleigh Flynn, Anna Morgan Smith, Kiaira Quinn, Bailey Norman, and Karinlee Brister, Bear Tracker Advisor and Academic Recruiter; second row: Austin Wall, Loryn Hollis, Olivia Dickerson, Zoe Miller, Lauren Wroten, Katherine McDowell, Shinah Moore, Brooke Wells, Anna Aucoin, Anna Klaire Dorr, Shelby Siebert, Rebekah Frank, Ashley Vanegas, and Tyler Penalber; third row: Ryan Ivey, Nicholas Lanehart, Korey Dillon, Michael Wilson, William Kelly, Robert Brown, Edward Howard, Andrew Garner, Myles Kendrick, and Aaron Buckley





right: Leadership Team: Brooke Smith, Hannah Bourgeois, Evan Busbin, Haley Hargett, Hunter Temple, President; Kelsi Goudeau, Myles Kendrick, Brooke Wells, Daniel Herndon, Director; above: Michael Campbell, Matt Lee, and Jonah Bankston listen intently as Hunter Temple shares his experiences from summer missions; top right: Anna Aucoin, Brooke Smith, and Kelsi Goudeau dress up for the Halloween Party; far right: Boyd Dunnam shows off his skills at the BSU Skating Party.





baptist student union

worshippers express faith

Baptist Student Union served as a place for spiritual inspiration, genuine fellowship, and relentless support. Many students spent time at the Baptist Student Union because it served as a home away from home. For students looking to strengthen their relationship with Christ, there were many chances for them to do so, such as weekly Bible studies on Monday evenings and a noon meal on Wednesdays. Students participated in BSU events, including the spring break mission trip, summer missions, and various other activities that happened on campus and within the community.

Students who took part in the spring break mission trip had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with the people of New York City. They did an incredible job in their efforts proclaiming the love of God with residents of the city. During their time in New York, a new and different way of life was revealed to these students as they were exposed to a plethora of cultures and nationalities. Through their encounters in New York, students returned home with a fresh perspective on life and spreading the Gospel.

by Kelsi Goudeau

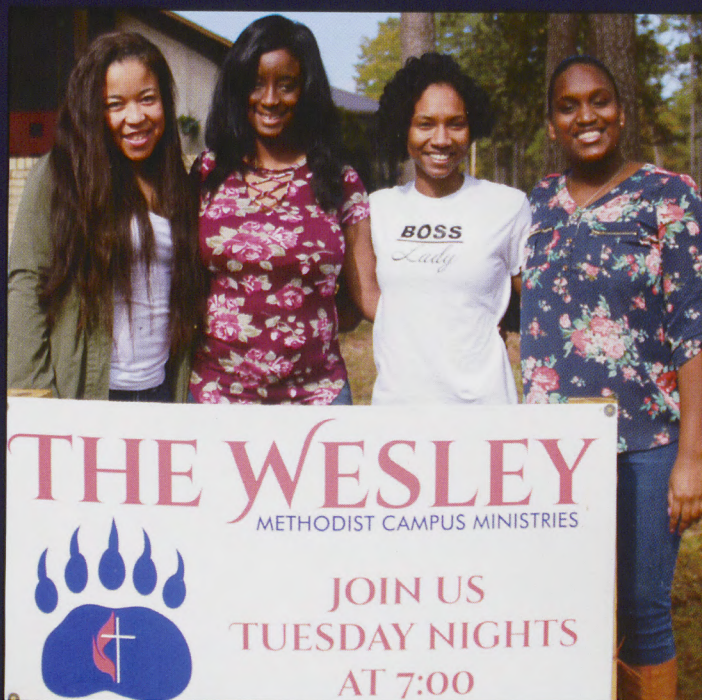
wesley foundation

followers grow in fellowship

Wesley Foundation was an on-campus ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church. It welcomed students from all backgrounds. The Wesley Foundation encouraged students to grow in their faith by being involved in the ministry through local and state missions, worship, fellowship, and support. Every week, the Wesley Foundation hosted public Bible studies that were held in the student chapel. Each Bible study began with a light meal or snack and was completed with scriptures from the Bible or lectures from guest speakers.

Students laughed, shared stories, ate, and joined in fellowship with each other. Wesley often hosted engaging campus events such as the Welcome Back Crawfish Boil, which always had a huge turnout. Students, with the help of advisor Melinda Bowlin, worked the concession stand at the home basketball games. Wesley students were famous around campus for their generosity and dedication to bettering the campus. Their reputations followed them wherever they went. Through their work on campus and in the community, members of the Wesley Foundation promoted spiritual leadership among students. Their missions encouraged innumerable individuals to seek the love of God. The Wesley Foundation united students and the community.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Danyelle Lewis, Christina Travis, Shakira McBride, and Jeranesia Haynes pose at the Wesley sign; right: Danyelle Lewis and Shakira McBride read the daily scripture lesson; opposite page: Jeranesia Haynes reads scripture at the Wesley 's weekly meeting.







music fills the air

raise your voice

Harmonizing with every breath, the choir was phenomenal. The heart-throbbing basses complimented by the breathtaking sopranos united to create a beautiful melody that could only emphasize the group's love for music. The dynamic team captivated everyone who was fortunate enough to hear their voices fuse into a rhythmic beauty that caused gasps of astonishment throughout the room. Being the bearers of a talent that could only join others, these students grew to take their harmony outside of the classroom and apply it to their daily lives.

With songs such as "God Bless America," "Ego Sum Panis Vivus," and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" in their repertoire, the choir performed at the top of their ability at both the annual Fall Choir Concert and Veterans' Day program. The Christmas Show was no different with a beautiful melody of "Silent Night" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" ringing throughout the halls. In both the good and bad times, each performance brought the students closer together. The quality of entertainment never faltered, and it left a lasting impression on everyone.

by Olivia Robinson



opposite page: Anna Grace Thomas and Alexis Strange sing "God Bless the USA;" above left: Trevor Davis, Branson Blanton, and Nick Kleppinger perform "Quartet Heaven Medley;" above right: Loryn Hollis performs "Quella Fiamma che m'accende;" above: Cecily Forest, Anna Grace Thomas, Charayana Johnson, Alexis Strange, Shelby Siebert, Loryn Hollis, Amy King, Megan Vanover, Brooke Wells, Venekia Williams, Jaci Robison; second row: Emily Isemann, Keionia Martin, Kashawn Jones, Austin Showers, Michael Wilson, Evan Busbin, Gary Busby, Hylan Durham, Devanna Watts, Carolyn Fenn; third row: Joe Elliott, director; Jaquail Gardner, Rebekah Frank, Neshun Holmes, Joshua Williams, Robert Brown, Sam Reed, Branson Blanton, Trevor Davis, Nick Kleppinger, Jaime Lowe, Alexis Dugas, and Janice Spicuzza smile for a picture.



student nursing organization giving unites members

Aiding students on their path to becoming a nurse, the Student Nursing Organization was able to introduce others into the nursing program. With events such as the “Welcome-Back Party” and several other activities, SNO was able to teach members to communicate and partake in recreational fellowship with one another. In this organization, members were able to network with others in the nursing program. The SNO commenced with a “Welcome Back Party,” where the members were able to partake in recreational fellowship with one another.

Members of SNO volunteered for several community service projects throughout the year. They served at several events including the biannual blood drive and local health fairs. The beauty of the SNO was that it provided future nurses with the chance to apply their nursing skills in real circumstances. The experience helped them prepare for a career in nursing by letting them put nursing fundamentals into practice, serving and caring for other people.

by Caleb Crosby

above: Nicole Ducksworth and Claire Burns observe the patient's monitor; above right: Kayla Brown and Angelica Yarborough adjust the medical equipment attached to the patient; far right: Anna Thomas demonstrates to Hannah Harriel the correct way to wash hands; right: Audrionna O'dell, Social Committee; ShaKira McBride, Social Committee; Gabrielle Thomas, Social Committee; Chasity Jackson, SNO President; Cierra Horton, Secretary; Rose Conerly, ADN instructor; back row Dianne Wilkinson, ADN instructor; Breanna Woodard, Social Committee; Kelsey Wilkinson, Social Committee; Caitlan Loftin, SNO Vice-President; Candace Weathers, Social Committee



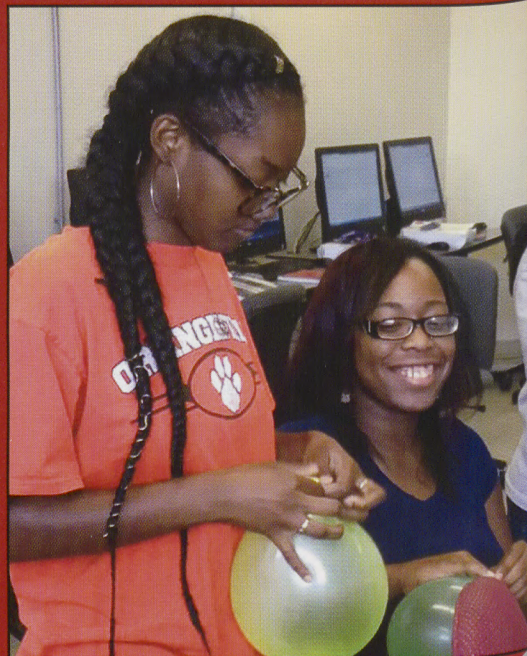
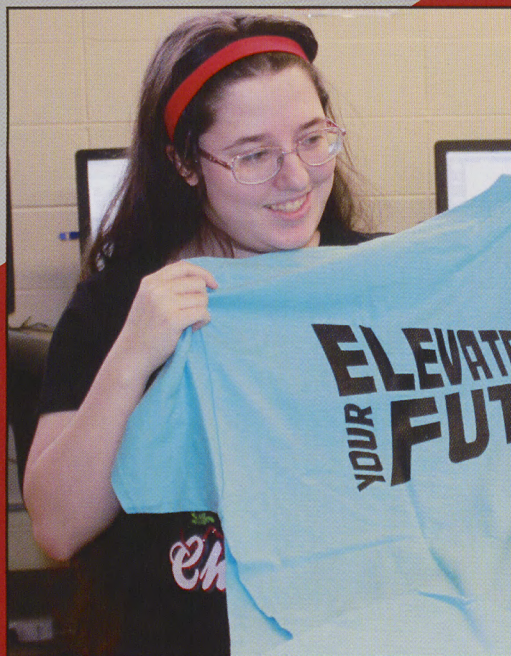
phi beta lambda

work skills foster success

Phi Beta Lambda, a business-oriented organization, taught students the importance of professionalism in the workplace and fostered skills in its members to ensure they were successful in their future careers. Students learned the necessity of networking to make connections and increase contacts. This national organization instilled in many students the ability to achieve their fullest potential and become successful leaders.

Through professional development and leadership direction, Phi Beta Lambda supported students in accomplishing a wide variety of goals. PBL held a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit needy families throughout the community. The food drive was a huge success, and the organization gave happy holiday meals to many families.

by Olivia Saldana



right: Hannah Wilkinson shows off the new PBL t-shirt; top right: Neshun Holmes prepares food for the annual Chicken on a Stick fundraiser; far right: Mariah Brown and Ariel Coney blow up balloons for the homecoming display; below: Kwatayvia Robertson, Kassi Dickerson, Crystal Isaac, and Kasie Boyd cut paper for their project.



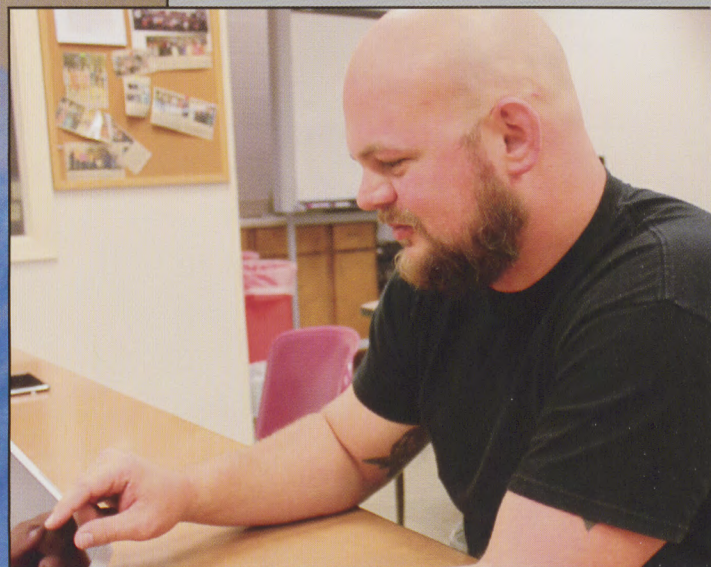
collegiate deca

competitions enrich students

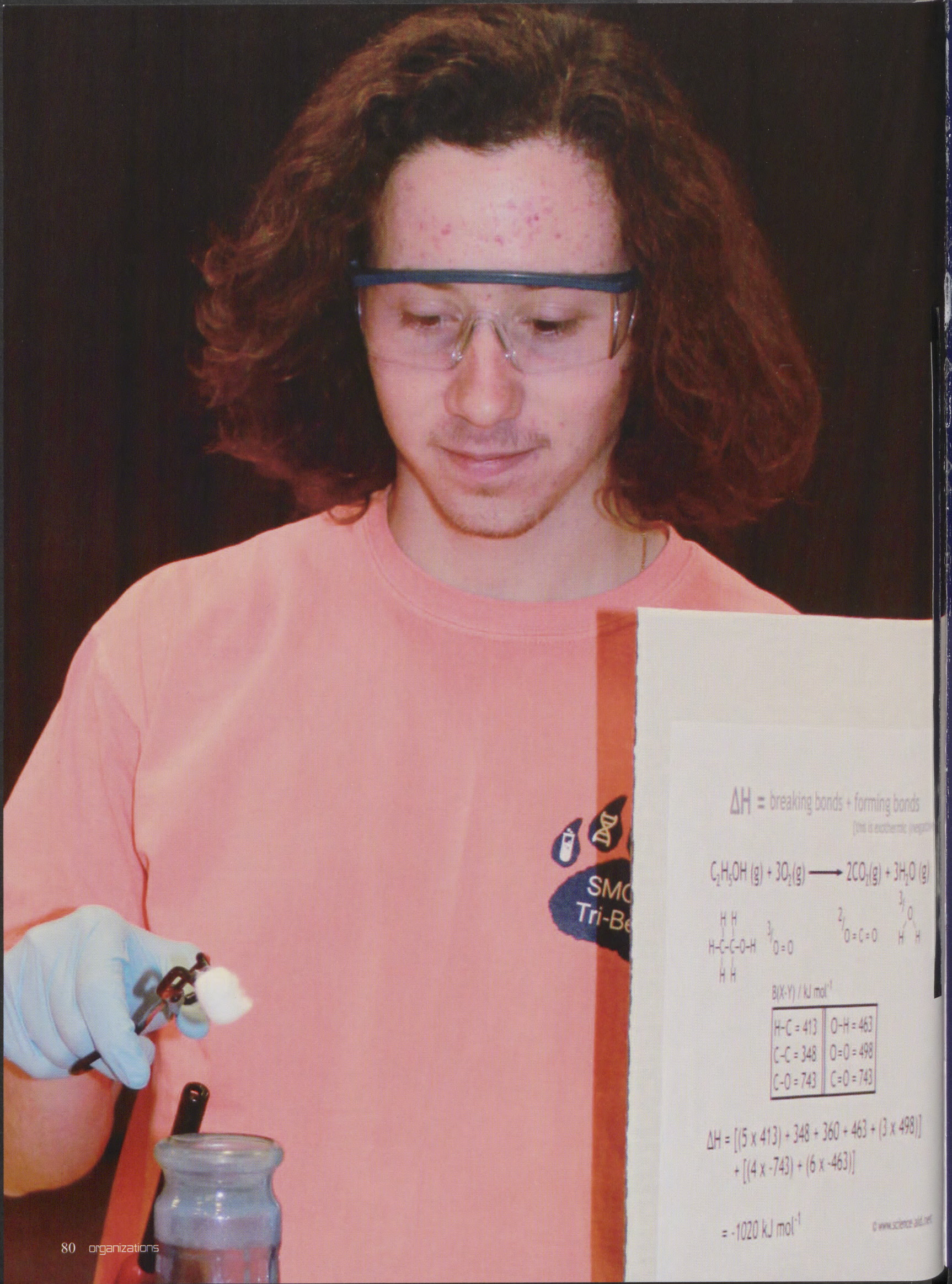
Collegiate DECA was a student-led international business organization that valued competence, innovation, integrity, and teamwork. DECA prepared its members for future careers by enriching their personal and professional skills and level of community involvement. Students participated in competitions where the major focus was placed on business-related fields. Collegiate DECA members received unique access to internships, scholarships, professional networking, and relationships built to last throughout their careers.

For ten consecutive years, Southwest's chapter of Collegiate DECA has traveled to Orlando, Florida, to compete in the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference. They received innumerable awards for their outstanding community service, leadership, and academics. Students also earned recognition for their supreme business skills.

by Olivia Saldana

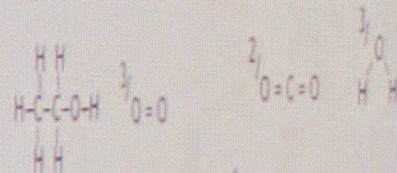
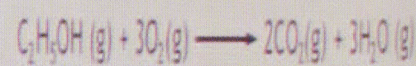


above: Casey Cook checks the fundraiser list; top right: Lisa Jones edits a report; bottom right: Josh Wells composes a Word document for a project.



SMC
Tri-B

$\Delta H = \text{breaking bonds} + \text{forming bonds}$
(this is exothermic, negative)



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C-O = 743	C=O = 743

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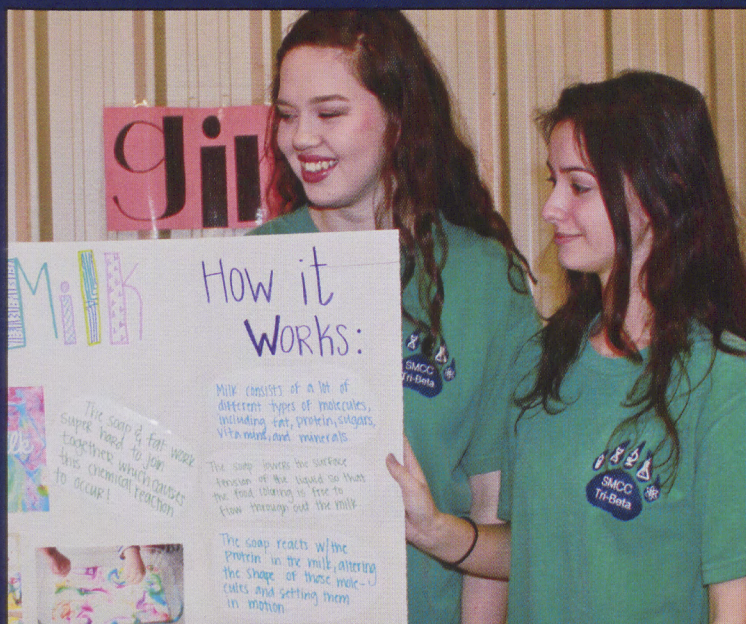
tri-beta

betas fuse science with fun

Dedication was the name of the game for undergraduate students of the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, also known as Tri-Beta. The organization was founded on the premise of improving the understanding and appreciation of biological studies through scientific research and instruction. Tri-Beta got students and the community involved through outreach projects and campus initiatives, helping every person they interacted with better understand their role in their environment.

Tri-Beta visited nearby North Pike Elementary School to share their knowledge of the sciences. Members of the honor society introduced the students to MyPlate by drawing a diagram on a paper plate that represented the proper portion sizes for each of the main food groups a person should eat. Another group demonstrated the danger of germs. Through activities like these and many others, Tri-Beta effectively helped young students and their community as a whole.

by Olivia Robinson and Olivia Saldana



top left: Shinah Moore and Star Dillon demonstrate a project with colored milk; above: Laurie Richard, Lauren Walker, and Olivia Dickerson explain the anatomy of the skull to the Otken students; left: Robin Kuntz, advisor; Kristen Parnell, Lindsey Wallace, Alexcia Carr, Shinah Moore, Simarjit Kaur, Korey Dillon, MeOshia Williams, J.C. Gardner, Andrew Boyd, Kaylin Boyd, Emma Walls, Ariel McDaniel, and Alana Gabler, advisor, pose for a picture; opposite page: Korey Dillon explains the properties of flammables.



phi theta kappa

kappans involve peers

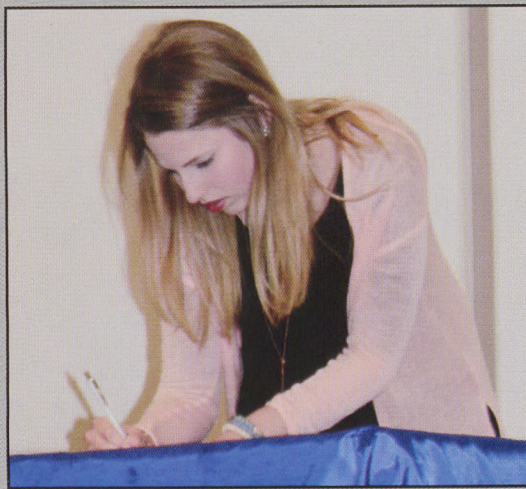
Leadership and communication were crucial skills the Omicron Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa members possessed. Officers traveled to academic institutions for training and competition. After visiting and collecting new information, they met with the rest of the chapter to discuss their findings. The officer team completed a College Project and Honors in Action project. These projects employed the learned techniques toward improving the college environment and the leaders themselves.

In July, the officer team attended the Mississippi and Louisiana Regional Conference at Delta State University. Chapters were asked to break into small groups to discuss Honors in Action global themes and then reflect with their peers. More information on scholarships and team building were mentioned on their cultural tour of the Mississippi Delta.

The year's College Project, led by the Vice-President of Service, was about getting involved on campus and in the various organizations. Their research on the direct relationship of campus retention and college involvement inspired them; they organized an event introducing the extracurricular clubs and classes to the student body and presented a questionnaire to encourage students to join if they were not already involved. Omicron Delta hosted a Cupcake Social where students received a free cupcake and interacted with their peers and the advisors of each organization on campus. PTK officers also visited each orientation class on campus to present the same questionnaire and speak about the college project to the incoming students.

Honors in Action Project, led by the Vice-President of Scholarship, was conducted to grow PTK officers as leaders and teach them valuable skills they needed when pursuing a career. A theme was selected from the Honors in Action *Global Perspectives* handbook. The idea of Individualism and Collectivism emerged from much deliberation. The officers felt it was relevant on campus and crucial to a positive working environment. They scoured through many academic journals and articles; their findings led them to invent a social experiment to relieve the collective stress of the campus through an art project conducted by individual students. Employing the *Lectio Divina* technique, they asked attending students and faculty to create a statement art piece relating to the passage read. Accompanying the lecture, Art Director Prudence McGehee and psychology instructor Elise Gatlin spoke on the expression of art and how it can be used to relieve tension in the mind and body.

by Olivia Robinson and Kimi Jeanson



left: Clare Clark signs the induction book; below left: Craig Battle, Bradi Conn, Vannesse Travis, Kade Jenkins, Lauren Williams, Myles Kendrick, Clare Clark, Loryn Hollis, Josh Wicker, Mark Molaison; second row: Corey Dillon, Cheyenne Powell, Brooke Smith, Hannah Bourgeois, Wyatt Brumfield, Kenneth Wilson, Jaran Hollis, Brantley Hughes, Austin Moen, Jenna Jo Lee, Katelynn Futch, Debbie Broom, Macy Newcomb, Bryson McRaney, Tim Ponder; third row: Kimi Jeanson, Janna Bridgman, Ashley Orr, Olivia Saldana, Neshun Holmes, Andrew Boyd, Alexcia Carr, Karli Jo Cruise, Haley Hargett, Megan Vanover, Maleigha Taylor, Kaylin Boyd, Haley Smith, Alyssa Brister, Lindsey Wallace; fourth row: Jamie Lowe, John Riggs, Precious Williams, John Rutland, Jonathan Holifield, Branson Blanton, Jonathan Scott, Kelsi Goudeau, and Keon McNeil pose for a picture; top far left: Neshun Holmes and Haley Hargett review information on the Honors in Action Project; above: Alexcia Carr, John Rutland, Demario Lindsey, and Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin, advisor, set up the homecoming display.



pine burr

reporters connect to inform

The *Pine Burr*, Southwest's monthly publication, worked hard to get the latest news to its readers. The staff was always busy, whether it be taking pictures of events happening around campus and in the community or interviewing people for biographical articles. The *Pine Burr* was the first place students turned when looking to stay up-to-date with current events on campus; the newspaper played an active role in their lives.

Pushing to meet ever-approaching deadlines, the *Pine Burr* staff, including the editor, co-editors, staff writers, and Joyce Mabry, advisor, united to accomplish every task that was placed in front of them. During class hours, staff members pushed themselves to ensure that each page was proofed and the pages laid out just right, knowing this would create the best newspaper possible. Evidence of this hard work included the team's participation in the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference, where they won eleven awards at the Mississippi Press Association's Community College Newspaper Competition. Kimi Jeanson won first place in Spot News Photo, second place in Graphic, third place in Graphic, third place in Feature Photo, and third place in Spot News Photo. Jonathan Scott won first place in Editorial Cartoon. Garrett Graves won second place in the Sports Photo Division. Cody Pol won third place in In Depth or Investigative Report. The *Pine Burr* staff won second place in the Best Front Page Division, second place in Design, and third place in General Excellence.

by Olivia Saldana



left: Aaron Buckley, Sarah Polk, and Olivia Saldana eat pizza at the Welcome Back Party; far left: Decorio Wedig delivers newspapers to classrooms; above: Nicholas Mueller, Reggie Martin, Sarah Polk, Decorio Wedig, Kimi Jeanson, Olivia Saldana, Jonathan Scott, Liza Nettles, and Elizabeth Foster read the newspaper; top right: Liza Nettles and Jonathan Scott study the headlines.

SGA Officers



above: Alexcia Carr, President; Brooke Smith, Vice-President; Jaime Lowe, Secretary; Jonathan Scott, Treasurer

Sophomore Class Officers

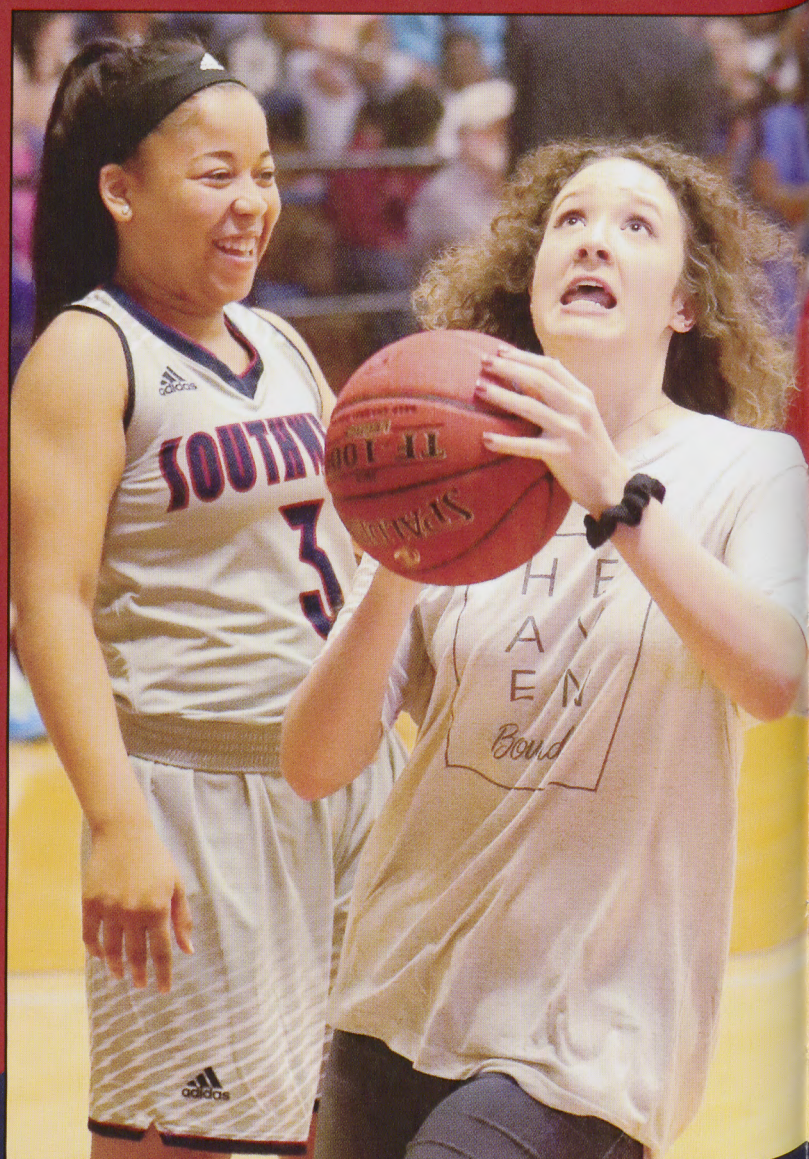


above: Lindsey Wallace, Secretary; Neshun Holmes, Treasurer; Andrew Garner, Vice-President; Brooke Wells, President

Freshman Class Officers



above: Bailey Norman, Treasurer; Indya Quinn, Secretary; Tyler White, President; Not pictured: Tootie Rankin, Vice-President.



student government association

leaders serve with a purpose

Student Government Association was the driving force behind the success of student activities and campus life. Meeting every Monday at noon, the officers and class representatives of SGA were steadfast in making the campus the best it could possibly be. Hosting events like the Bonfire Pep Rally, the Veterans' Day Assembly, and Cupcakes for a Cause, the SGA could not be beat.

Ashley Gray, advisor, encouraged student government members to visit as many students as possible to get their opinion on what the college could improve upon. At 8:30 Madness, members hosted a basketball game and served pizza to students. During finals week, SGA sponsored a pancake study break for students as a reprieve from the monotony of textbooks. The election of a cabinet increased the SGA's influence. Positions such as public relations and fundraising permitted the organization to be in more places at once. At every campus event, SGA members stood proudly in their official name tags and uniforms ready to answer questions and help whenever it was needed. Never ceasing to properly represent the student body, the Student Government Association was highly devoted to the improvement of the campus and community, and the results of all their hard work would always be remembered.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Alexcia Carr speaks at the Veterans' Day Assembly; left: Lindsey Wallace passes out s'mores kits to students at the Back to School Bonfire; opposite page bottom: Danyelle Lewis helps Anna Aucoin make a basket at Midnight Madness; opposite page top: Jaime Lowe and Brooke Wells prepare goody bags for students.



whispering pines

deadlines form bonds

Under the guiding instructions of Joyce Mabry, the *Whispering Pines* staff worked earnestly to capture every important event with the snap of a perfectly timed camera. Each moment, frozen in time, was methodically organized with the aid of Adobe InDesign CS6 and Adobe Photoshop Elements. Members of the *Whispering Pines* spent countless hours learning how to crop photographs, proof student names, and choose the most fitting photographs for each spread. Staff were kept under time constraints as deadlines loomed around each corner. These constraints brought the members of the *Whispering Pines* closer and formed them into one undivided unit that could get work done at a breakneck pace.

Proof of the staff's hard work showed at the 2017 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association yearbook competition. The *Whispering Pines*' 2017 yearbook "Unstoppable" won first place in Cover Division, first place in Theme Division, first place in Typography Division, first place in Photography Division, first place in Structure Division, and first place in Design Division, for an overall win of first place at the competition. The staff continued to push themselves to create a better, winning yearbook for next year.

by Olivia Robinson and Olivia Saldana



top: Kimi Jeanson, co-editor; Brooke Smith, editor; and Kaitlyn McCarlie, co-editor, crop photos for the yearbook; above: Sarah Polk, co-editor, and Olivia Saldana, co-editor, proof pages for the deadline.

above: Kaitlyn McCarlie, co-editor; Aaron Buckley, Jenny Burkett, Brooke Smith, editor; Kimi Jeanson, co-editor; Reggie Martin, Jonathan Scott, co-editor; Zipporah Perkins, Scott Johnson, Sarah Polk, co-editor; Amber Terrell, Decorio Wedig, and Bradley James; not pictured Olivia Robinson, Olivia Saldana and Joyce Mabry, advisor



above: Kelsie McCullough ties the bow on a faculty present; top: Ashley Orr, Tiffany Buckles, Kelsie McCullough, and Janna Bridgman prepare gifts to pass out for Teacher Appreciation Week; right: Ashley Orr, secretary; Gwen May, advisor; Tiffany Buckles, vice-president; and Desiree Boyd Lacroix, president

“ By joining FEA, I gained real educational knowledge as I continue my journey to become an educator. ”
- Kelsie McCullough



future educators of america

teachers touch lives for the future

Future Educators of America was an organization with the purpose of providing aspiring educators a networking opportunity and learning experience. Members of the organization achieved a realistic understanding of the nature of education and the exact role of a teacher. FEA also taught students the skills required to coordinate information about teaching as a profession, employment opportunities, financial assistance options, and educational issues. Advisor Gwen May hosted meetings three times a semester on the first Monday of each month; members were served a light lunch and discussed upcoming events.

FEA members were active around campus and the community. Members were familiarized to the climate of teaching by providing tutoring sessions to elementary students from local schools. FEA prided itself on its commitment to superior ethics and excellent future educators. The organization worked diligently to promote the honorable profession of teaching, and it continued to fulfill the need for quality teachers.

by Olivia Saldana

right: Aiden Stallings plays the xylophone at homecoming; far right: Nick Kleppinger beats the drum for the first routine; above: Mattie Stewart blows the trumpet as she marches during the football game.





brass blast

band marches to the rhythm

Connected in both rhythm and energy, the marching band was a powerhouse. Practicing from the wee hours of the morning to all hours of the afternoon, the hard work each member put forth was apparent in every half-time performance. Under the guiding direction of Clay Whittington, the band supplied its audience with extraordinary shows filled with music that glued them to their seats.

Uniting as one, the band battled the sweltering summer heat before classes were in session. They spent countless hours strengthening their bond to form an undivided union while producing music that set their fans' hearts aflame. Members optimized every drill and musical piece for each performance, from football games to Christmas parades and even pep-rallies.

by Olivia Robinson



steel drums



above: Bryce Boyd, Rebekah Frank, Jonathan Scott, and Skyler Easley; second row: Nicolas Mueller, Wyatt Fortenberry, John Shannon, and Nick Kleppinger; not pictured: Max Johnson, Janice Spicuzza, and Jack Stogner

redline



above: Brooke Wells, Loryn Hollis, and Alexcia Carr; second row: Hannah Bourgeois, Shinah Moore, and Angel Holmes; third row: Jada Brown, Jasmine Haynes, Diamond Isaac, Anna Klaire Dorr, and Creshona Kenny

color guard



above: Jasmine Chatman, Braci Conn, Brook Conn, Alyssa Brister, and Eva Frith; second row: Jacob Wilson, Ashley Vanegas, Bradi Conn, Thomas Beck, instructor; Kiaira Quinn, Kelsi White, Brittany Montgomery, Destyn Mann, Haley Smith, Rebekah Frank, Anna Grace Norris, Keionia Martin, Ashley Scarbrough, and Dustin Travis

opposite page: Margaret Mullen points in her routine.

steel drum band, redline, and color guard music fascinates

With the well-choreographed routines, it was without a doubt that these young men and women put a lot of hard work and dedication into their activities. Demonstrating unrelenting skill and stamina, the members of Redline and color guard fused seamlessly to hit every dance move and flag twirl in confident unity. A lot of time and motivation was put into their routines, and it did not go unnoticed. They never failed to raise spirits with their vibrant energy.

The steel drum band was another great activity offered by Southwest. Their powerful and upbeat music, directed by Clay Whittington, was sure to be heard. The steel band worked together to bring a fresh and tropical musical sound. The tones and timbres added unique harmonies to the group. The best thing about the steel drum band was that they proudly presented themselves on stage.

by Sarah Polk

“

Together we practice
and perform which
creates a feeling of
family.

”

-Jasmine Haynes

RUN RUN RUDOLPH

"we are the reason"

With heartwarming lyrics and rhythmic motion, this year's Christmas stage band show was a show stopper. Bringing the holidays to life at Southwest was the objective and with each tune and colorful decoration the objective was surpassed. Influenced by the Christmas spirit and beautiful lyrics, attendees found themselves enamored with the immense beauty that resides within Southwest's lyrically inclined students. The show began with a harmonious rendition of "Cool Yule," which was quickly followed by the band performing "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Loryn Hollis took to the stage to perform a melodic "All I Want for Christmas is You" and finished just as the men took to the stage with their pressed tuxedos to perform "Silent Night" alongside the ladies. After a brief military video, Evan Busbin performed "I'll Be Home For Christmas" in honor of our troops. Anna-Grace Thomas serenaded the auditorium with "Run Run Rudolf" to the sound of an electric guitar. The singers wooed the children attending with "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and the nativity scene warmed the hearts of many as the singers sang "We Are the Reason" near the end of the show.

The music from the show was full of spirit and cheer which led to attendees feeling uplifted by the Christmas spirit. Something about the sounds of Christmas brought others together and created a unit like no other. Individuals touched by the soothing vocals and crisp percussion were connected in a way that only attending a Southwest Christmas show can offer. The opportunity to attend the Christmas show only comes around once a year and that show like many before it was remarkable.

Staff and faculty working in the Fine Arts department were instrumental in the planning and success of one of the community's favorite holiday traditions. Clay Whittington, Director of Bands; Joe Elliott, Choir Director; Nathan Wells, Media Systems Director; and many others contributed to the production. Their hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed by the performers or by the audience.

by Olivia Robinson and Brooke Smith

right: Charayana Johnson
sings "Something's Up Down
in Bethlehem;" far right:
Kaila Denton, Loryn Hollis,
and Brooke Wells perform
a kickline; opposite page:
Erika Alford entertains
the audience with
"O Holy Night."







left: Hogen Nelson and Rodderrickis Dozier celebrate together the winning touchdown; right: Terrah Nelson focuses on the runner; far right: Jaime Delor scores in the last minutes of the game; below: Destiny Gordon passes the basketball to her teammate for the basket.



Southwest Bears never felt more united than when they were cheering on their favorite athlete or participating in their favorite sport. No matter the field or court, athletes drew excited admirers prepared to cheer them into battle. Roars from enthusiastic crowds pushed teams over the edge of ordinary victory and into unparalleled greatness. Teams strove to gain win after win, displaying teamwork and taking pride in their performance even after a long struggle. Coaches joined with the players in their successes, working daily with players to build athleticism and skill, and taking pride in their hard work. Each team endeavored throughout their seasons to meet the high expectations of their fans and be a recognized name in the MACJC South Division. In every sport, the Bears displayed raw power and passion, ultimately leading to outstanding achievement and a network of devoted supporters.

by Olivia Saldana



athletics



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athletics

fighting

relentless spirit dominates

Football team stormed onto the field each week with enthusiasm and energy. The team worked together as a cohesive unit, joining together to represent the epitome of teamwork. Regardless of the outcome, they never gave up and were relentless in their pursuit of victory. As they sought success on the field, the athletes stood undivided while gaining unforgettable experiences in each game. It was through these experiences that they grew closer together and endured whatever came their way. The team worked hard to end their season with a victory when they defeated the East Central Warriors with a final score of 38-34. The close of the season was a great way to encourage the Bears and their fans alike as a reminder that even though their journey may have been hard and arduous, they were still able to end on a high note.

The team this year consisted of a large number of freshmen and sophomores, each playing hard with a specific role to fill. Several of these young athletes took their jobs a step further and became leaders for the team. Freshman and sophomore quarterbacks Brady Anderson and Juwan Adams helped lead the team under head coach Tucker Peavey. Sophomore athlete Adams successfully completed 62 of 144 passes for 946 yards with 5 touchdowns and 4 interceptions while freshman Anderson was able to complete 47 of 65 passes for 482 yards with 4 touchdowns and 4 interceptions. Sophomore running back Chase Hughes led the Bears rushing with 125 carries for 584 yards and made 5 touchdowns. Neil McLaurin made 35 receptions for a total of 656 yards and 5 touchdowns. Chanler Ferguson led defensively with 67 tackles, 4 tackles for loss, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble, and 1 fumble recovery.

"Yeah, we've had some down times," Peavey continued, "But, they've continued to fight through it and I'm happy for them that we were able to come out on top. It was a game that was kind of like our season-back and forth, back and forth bad things happening. But, they kept fighting, they kept clawing and I'm just happy for these kids."

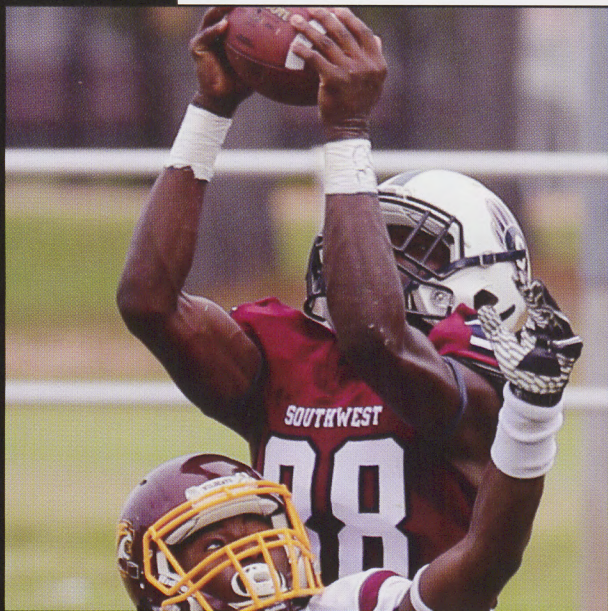
by Jonathan Scott

opposite page: Lemuel Ellis and Wanya Morris block for the quarterback.





bears claw



left: Chase Hughes charges toward the end zone; top right: Averyon Harris fights for yardage; middle right: Anthony Jones catches the football for a touchdown; above: Neil McLaurin rushes for the winning touchdown.

fearless connection



SCOREBOARD

Coahoma
35-20

Jones
61-20

Holmes
67-34

Pearl River
30-17

Hinds
40-14

Gulf Coast
52-13

Northeast
36-19

Co-Lin
45-3

East Central
38-34

top left: Juwan Adams pitches the ball to his teammate; top right: Lavorceiy Gaddis and Anfernee Jordan stop the opposing runner; opposite page: Milton Sanders rushes for extra yardage; above: Ali Henson protects the ball as he makes his way to the goal line.





fierce



opposite page: Peyton Papenburg fights her way to the goal to score; above: Ricardo Lynch focuses with determination to make his free throw.

dunk with power

fight for comeback record

The men's basketball team at Southwest did an exceptional job on the court. Head Coach Thomas Gray and Assistant Coaches Bryan Bender and Alex Ainsworth provided training and guidance. Through a series of exciting wins, the team held an overall record of 14-15 and a conference record of 5-5 in the MACJC. The Bears excelled by starting the season with an eight-game winning streak, and by coming out on top during special events. In the Coca-Cola classic games, they defeated Southern-Shreveport 81-70 and Baton Rouge Community College 75-65.

In numerous occasions throughout the season, the Bears have played intense high-energy games. Many games left fans on the edge of their seats, and went into overtime. Win or lose, the Bears played well and delivered top-notch athletic gameplay in many games that were close in score. On the night First Bank made a donation to the Athletic Apartment, in a match against the Pearl River Wildcats, the Bears were behind by 34-points. After returning in the second half, the team made a record-setting comeback, ultimately winning the game 75-71. Another one of these instances was their conference match against the East Central Warriors, where they came out on top 92-88 in the game.

"Our guys played the hardest game of the season," said Bears head coach Thomas Gray. Throughout the season, the SMCC basketball team has risen to the challenge together time and time again.

by Jonathan Scott

SCORING	Wm Carey
	93-74
	Coahoma
	93-87
	Delgado
	86-80
	Shreveport
	81-70
	Baton Rouge
	75-65
RECORD	Spring Hill
	118-76
	Coahoma
	89-80
	MS Delta
SEASON	70-66
	Pearl River
	81-77
SCHEDULE	Jones County
	90-70



above: Matthew Weaver, Zion Ross, Antonio Cowart, Fernandez Frazier-Williamson, Lagarious White, Charles Winston, John Knight III, Robert Boyd, Don Harness, Jacob Smith; second row: Brian Bender, Assistant Coach; Alex Ainsworth, Volunteer Assistant Coach; Terrell Ben, Howard Smith, Roydell Brown, Jeremy Harrell, Ricardo Lynch, Devon Benson, Aleska Dobrijevic, Xavier Watts, and Thomas Gray, Head Coach

top left: Aleska Dobrijevic takes the ball to the goal; top right: Charles Winston defends his position; opposite page: Antonio Cowart, Jr. drives to the basket to score.



run the court work together for victory

The Southwest Lady Bears have had a successful season. They had an overall record of 15-3, and their record in the MACJC was 6-3. The team started off with good momentum by opening their season with a six-game win streak. The players displayed a high level of teamwork that they kept up throughout the year. The Lady Bears achieved victory in big games and special events like a 68-47 win against Baton Rouge Community College and a 91-67 win against Southern-Shreveport in the Coca-Cola Classic. They defeated Pearl River's Lady Wildcats 59-49 in during the night of First Bank's donation to SMCC athletics and defeated rival school Co-Lin with a close final score of 64-62.

As a testament to their success this year on the basketball court, the Lady Bears are ranked third in the South Division on the MACJC. The team is largely made of freshmen, who have done a tremendous job in their debut year of college basketball. The women's basketball team was coached by head coach Brent Harris and assistant coach Britta Stevens.

"We continue to get better in some areas that needed improvement," said Harris. This improvement and growth in skill level helped the team each game and brought them victory on many occasions.

by Jonathan Scott



Coahoma	90-64	
Delgado	65-46	
Baton Rouge	68-47	
Shreveport	91-67	
MS Delta	77-57	
Louisiana	99-47	
MS Gulf Coast	60-52	
Pearl River	59-49	
Co-Lin	64-62	
East Central	70-55	



above: Tootie Rankin, Amari Pittman, Jamaya Galloway, Danyelle Lewis, Peyton Papenburg, Daysia Dedeaux, Kacie Fountain, Khyla Crosby; second row: Britta Stephens, Assistant Coach, Ty Lee, Mylicia Harness, Destiney Gordon, Keturah Bingham, Tootie Carter, Nia Henderson, Rachel Thompson, and Brent Harris, Head Coach
opposite page: Danyelle Lewis fights for points; top right: Kacie Fountain shoots a free throw.

“Playing with my teammates
creates the perfect formula
for winning.”
-Danyelle Lewis



team power

spirit rises to the next level

Cheer team was a group of talented, hard-working students. Under the direction of their coach Rebecca Amic, the cheer team connected fans and athletes at every sporting event and community affair they attended. The routines created by members of the squad were unrivaled in their ability to unite teams and fans. Pep rallies, bonfires, and other campus events would not have been the same without the backdrop of energetic dance numbers and exciting coordinated cheers that drew students together.

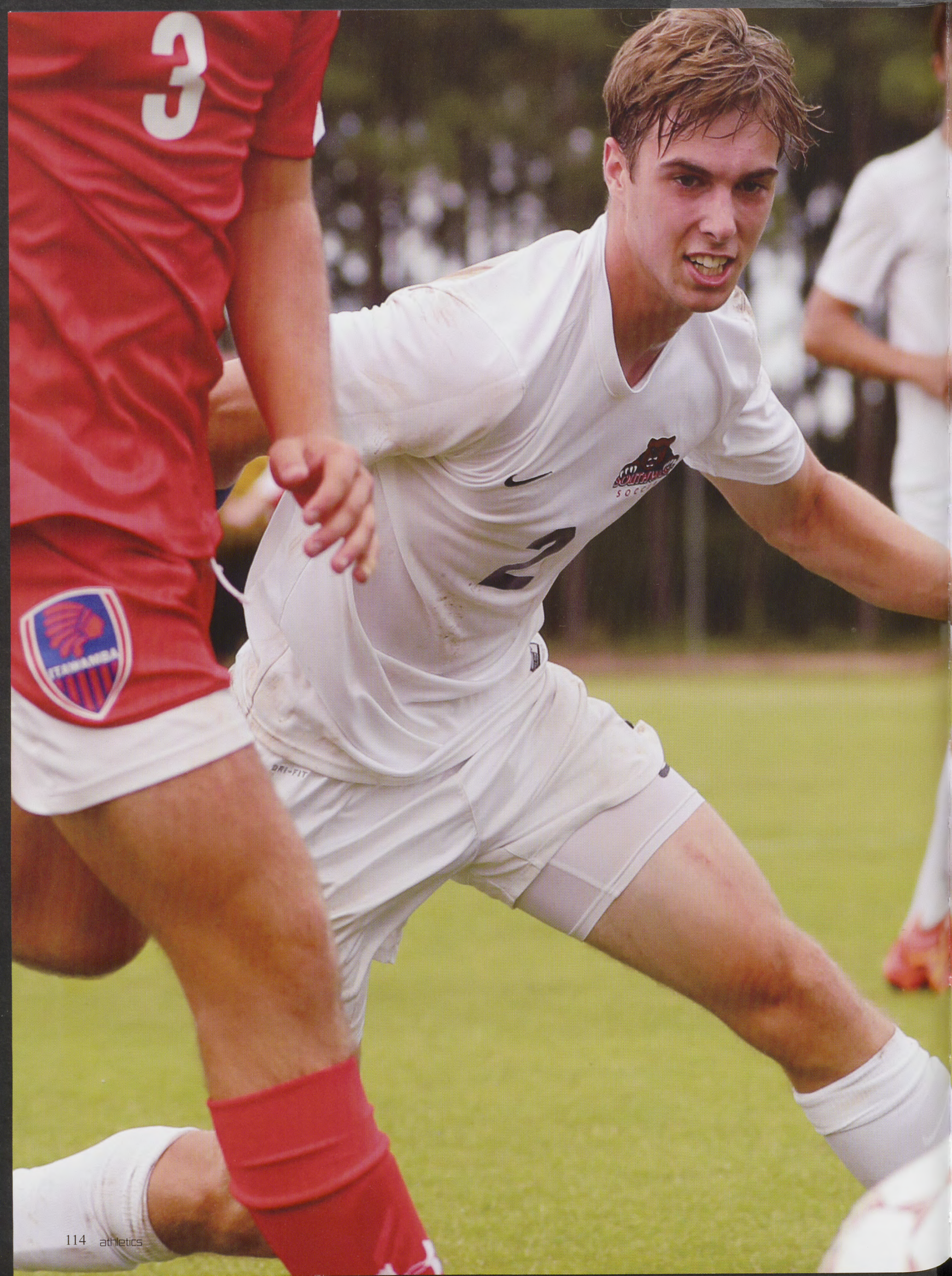
Beginning with an extreme summer practice schedule, the team worked hard, starting preparation after their classes ended and not stopping until late in the afternoon when they had everything just right. While the cheer team performed on campus, they also took time to entertain the community, performing in local parades and delighting children and adults alike. Each member of the cheer squad completed every routine with passion and determination, and he or she took pride in being a part of the group that linked athletes with their fans.

by Olivia Saldana



above: Leanne Fuqua, Summer Martin, Anna Morgan Smith, Kataja Mahaffey, Haven Johnson, Tiffany Prevost, Hannah Owen, Kelsey Hedgepeth, Emma Walls, Aleigh Flynn; second row: Demario Lindsey, Latreall Smith, Edward Howard, Will Fauver, Keyyarius Lucus, Jay Palen, Marcus Kees, and Alleon Thigpen; opposite page: Kelsey Hedgepeth cheers on the football team.





fight to the end

determination wins

The soccer team demonstrated great unity and cohesiveness the entire season. With skill and persistence, they opened with a win after defeating the state champions, the Hinds Community College Eagles. This win set the stage for a great soccer season for the team. "It makes me feel good about the rest of the season," said head coach Zack Mills after the Bears' first win.

"Of course, it makes me a little anxious. I know that everyone is going to see this and know we're going to be one of the teams to beat this year. I know my team is going to work hard enough and keep improving and all this hard work is going to pay off in the end," Mills continued.

It turned out that Mills was correct. The Bears achieved a 2-0 victory, then successfully won their second game against the Itawamba Indians with a score of 4-0. This led to a five-game winning streak. After just a few losses, the Bears ended with a record of ten wins, four losses, and two ties. The Bears demonstrated endurance until their final game in the quarterfinal round of the MACJC state/NJCAA Region 23 tournament.

"I'm very, very proud of the guys' hard work, making it as far as they did. I'm looking forward to the future," said Mills after their final game. After a successful season, four members of the team were chosen to participate in the MACJC All-Star game. Midfielders Michael Escobar, Nick Gartman, and Conner Smith were selected as All-Stars as well as defender Cameron Stanovich.

by Jonathan Scott

opposite page: Jarrett Green defends the ball as he moves downfield.



above: Eliseo Tapia, Santiago Martinez, Dalton Culpepper, Cameron Alda, Michael Escobar, Nick Dickinson, Ty Ware, Vincente Tellols, Keven Florian, Patrick Larsen, Jaime Delor, RaQuavious Clark; second row: Zach Mills, Head Coach; Nick Gartman, Maximiliano Gigli, Tobias Perez, P. J. Irwin, Michael Martin, Conner Smothers, Ryan Ivey, Cameron Stanovich, Jarrett Green, Connor Smith, Nate Bond, Denver Bankston, Volunteer Assistant; and Bryant Boyington, Volunteer Assistant



leader of the pack

lady bears battle as one

The Lady Bears linked to show their prowess on the soccer field this year. The team opened up their season with a 1-0 win against Hinds. The Lady Bears' head coach Bee Casey commented on her team's success this season. "I'm very proud of their hard work and effort," Casey said. The Lady Bears continued their pace in their following game, winning 3-2 against Itawamba. In a MACJC matchup, the Lady Bears took the win against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. They also came out on top against four-year school LSU-Alexandria in a 3-2 win. "Going forward, this opportunity to play against a four-year school is a great recruitment tool, but it's also a great tool for the players to excel and really showcase their abilities," said Casey after the game.

The Lady Bears gave it their all on the field and demonstrated a strong sense of unity and solidarity as a team. This level of teamwork proved to pay off in the end with the selection of players for the MACJC All-Star game. Among the Lady Bears' roster of skilled players, a few were chosen to represent Southwest at the next level as All Stars. Midfielders and defenders Laterika Borden, Ailin Franzante, and Janiya Watkins were all picked to participate in the annual MACJC All-Star game, taking the legacy of Southwest soccer even further.

by Jonathan Scott



above: Auset Gibbs, Josselyn Hernandez, Janiya Watkins, Laterika Borden, Maria Loreda, Amber Sheriff; second row: Emily Williams, Jade Coleman, Nevin Holley, Nohemy Giraldo, Allison Sherman, Jennifer Solis, Ailin Franzante, Tytianna Coleman, Morgan Moak, Lesley Walker, Ashlyn Romero



left: Laterika Borden chip passes to her teammate; opposite page: Ailin Franzante strikes to defend the goal; top left: Auset Gibbs protects the ball; above: Nohemy Giraldo focuses on the ball.





spirit to win

bears hit with determination

The Southwest baseball team stepped up for a good season this year, with nineteen freshmen joining the team, many of the players were inexperienced in college baseball, but showed the will and determination to have a positive and effective season on the baseball field. The Bears are coached by Ken Jackson, with assistant coaches Justin Hay, Austin Biggs, John Bullock and Colby Beach. Despite the team's younger roster, Hay saw a lot of hope for Southwest baseball.

"They'll be a fun team to watch. They're going to play hard and I think we're going to do a lot of good things. I think they'll be a fun team to watch because of the athletic ability they have," said Jackson. The coach also noted that many players would be versatile and could potentially play multiple roles on the field.

"I think we've got several guys on the mound who can do a lot of different things," Jackson said. "We've got guys who are going to fill roles such as starters, short relief, long relief, closers and situational pitching."

By working together and using their diverse skillset as an advantage, the players had the ability to fight through a winning season. Though they were initially inexperienced, the Bears baseball team shared an experience that became unforgettable.

by Jonathan Scott



above: Ethan Campo, Cody Ross, Isaiah Davis, Jacob Siegel, Zach Dearman, Adam Haygood, Fidel Bello, Brendon Baker, Quartez Brown, T Tez Cole; second row: Will Ford, Aaron Ragsdale, Daren Smith, Lane Gordon, Cody Miller, Gage Kiser, Payton Yawn, Kyle Dillard, Reid Havard, Nathan Yennie; third row: Matthew Graves, Sy Odom, Brett Lott, Kyle Singleton, Jarid Sturgeon, Henry McDonald, Michael Buck, Mitchell Foreman, Tyler White, Paco Bello



left: Jacob Siegel catches the drop ball; opposite page: Matthew Graves hits to left field; top left: Quartez Brown focuses on the pitch; above: Zach Dearman throws a curve ball.



determined to win

hard works pays off

The Lady Bears softball team, coached by Shea Johnson and assistant coach Maggie Slaton, joined one another for another exciting season. Thirteen new freshmen arrived to the team this year, with five sophomores returning. As a fairly fresh and new team, it was a question of whether or not the new athletes would be able to rise to the challenge. The question was soon answered when the Lady Bears took sweeping victories at the start of their 2018 softball season.

The season opened with a double-header, where the Lady Bears defeated Holmes Community College with final scores of 3-2 and 14-4. This set the stage for a great season for the girls.

"I think anytime you sweep at home you've got to be pleased," said Lady Bears head coach Shea Johnson, "especially leading off (the season). We grew up a lot from the first game to the second game."

The team continued their success, taking home another win after crushing the competition in a double-header against the Mississippi Delta Lady Trojans. The Lady Bears won the away games 16-2 and 14-2. The team's demonstration of unity was one that led to success and ensured triumph.

by Jonathan Scott



above: Kayla McNabb, Carlee Evans, Tia Bussey, Madison Bates, Kassie Shipley; second row: Miranda Magee, Melanie Crum, Madison Parker, Ashley Elsensohn, Terrah Nelson, Jordan McNabb; third row: Kalyn Chemin, Mikaela Smith, Klancie Fair, Jordan Harp, Makennah Redd, Jami Spears, Carrington Jefcoat; opposite page: Madison Bates connects with the ball; top left: Carrington Jefcoat catches the ball for the force out; top right: Kassie Shipley throws the perfect pitch for the last out; right: Ashley Elsensohn throws the runner out at home.



left: Kaila Denton, Sarah McMillan, and Emma Walls sing "Cool Yule."
right: Robert Brown announces the campus events on the Southwest News program; far right: Neshun Holmes finishes her PTK art project; below: Sami Simmons talks to the class about her next performance.



Regardless of the event, Bears students were prepared to show their Southwest pride. There was never a lack of school spirit on campus. With indomitable drive, students could not be contained in their quest to display their leadership. Administration, faculty, and staff never ceased to present themselves as mentors and tutors, maintaining a positive influence in the lives of students. Excitement for academic and athletic events propelled students into displaying their pride in the best of ways. Who's Who and Hall of Fame represented students dedicated to serving Southwest and the community. These honors, along with HEADWAE and Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges, were some of the most distinguished awards a college student can receive. Administration and the Board of Trustees ensured that the year ran smoothly and everyone on campus felt connected.

by Olivia Saldana



people



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Dr. Steve Bishop

Bishop leads Southwest

In his seventh year as president, Dr. Steve Bishop continued his record of superior leadership on campus and was a major factor in the success of projects on campus. He welcomed Dr. Brent Gregory as our new Vice-President for Student Affairs, revived the Women's and Men's Varsity Tennis program, and was closely involved with the community on and off campus. He continued to serve on the State Workforce Investment Board, was named Chair and President's Liaison for Phi Theta Kappa, which was an international Honor Society for community college students, and worked closely with the SMCC Alumni Association and the SMCC Foundation.

The school was buzzing with activity throughout the year; it served as a hub for over 2,000 local events and meetings, including academic competitions, fine arts programs, skills competitions, local board meetings, the Mississippi Bee Keepers' Convention, and the Mississippi Water Well Drillers' Convention. Dr. Bishop guided infrastructure improvements aimed at improving the quality of life for all staff and students, and ensured the continued success of the school. Projects were organized to improve lighting around the campus. Baseball stadium lights, the softball outfield fence, and the football grandstands were improved. Sidewalks were constructed to connect our Student Union to the Mens' Dorm and to Alford-Conerly Hall. The college's water tower renovation was started, and the school's landscaping was maintained and upgraded.

Under Dr. Bishop's leadership, the school continued to excel both academically and athletically. The institution's academic performance and affordability led *BestColleges.com* to rank SMCC as #1 on-line community college in the United States and the college received the David Halbrook Award for Academic Achievement among Athletes. Southwest had outstanding career technical programs; the college was recognized by *OnlineCollegePlan.com* as a Stand-Out School for its Diesel Equipment Technology program. Every student completed the program within the allotted time frame, and 50% of them were employed within the first year. Our cosmetology program was ranked #12 in a list of the Top 50 Beauty and Cosmetology Schools by *TheBestColleges.org*. Common predictors of future success and a school's commitment to online programs factored into the ranking. Admissions rates, student loan default rate, retention rate, and graduation rate were considered. For the second consecutive year, Southwest Mississippi Community College was recognized as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, which is the nation's most prestigious recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized Southwest as a great college to work for. The results were based on a survey of 232 colleges and universities. Only seventy-nine of the institutions that applied for the program achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition. Dr. Bishop's contributions to Southwest Mississippi Community College led to improved performance and quality of life across the campus, furthered the institution's goals, and produced students who went on to become contributing members of the community.

by Caleb Crosby



above: Dr. Bishop congratulates Madison Martin; right: Dr. Bishop throws beads to the crowd at the annual Mardi Gras parade on campus; opposite page: Dr. Steve Bishop poses with his family: Eleanor, Ruth, Melanie, Katherine, and Arthur.





board of trustees

success begins with leaders

Board of Trustees devoted their time to ensure the success of the college. Hailing from surrounding counties, each member brought his or her own unique perspective. All seventeen men and women were not only dedicated to the betterment of the campus, but also to the community. Key leaders in law, business, industry, and education, the Board of Trustees made sure the institution stood above the rest in all areas.

The trustees' hard work was evidenced in the college's recognition by the Aspen Institute Excellence Program as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The Aspen Prize recognized student success above all other areas, taking into consideration learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. During the fall semester, student enrollment rose significantly, displaying the trustees' dedication to the school.

by Olivia Saldana



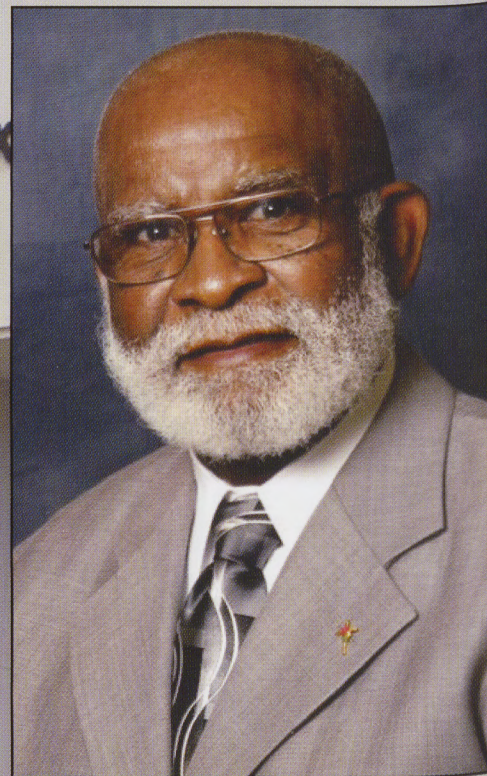
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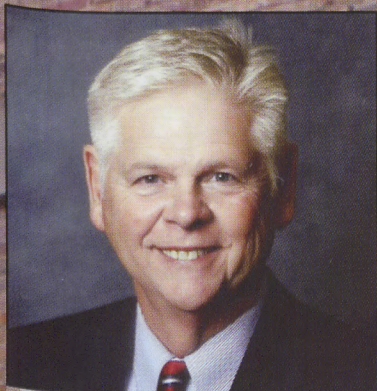
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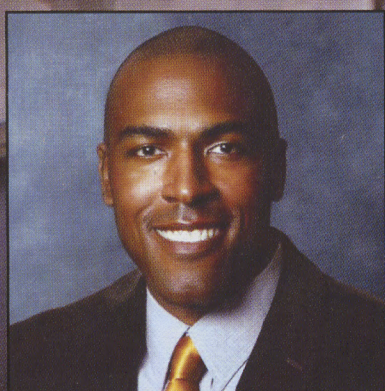
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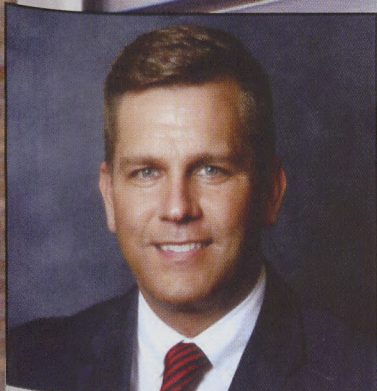
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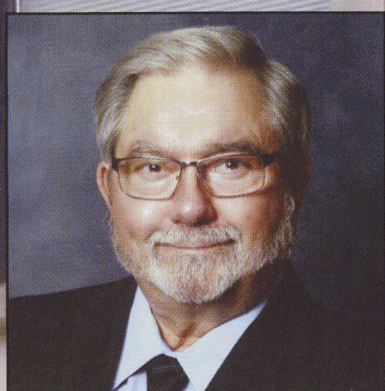
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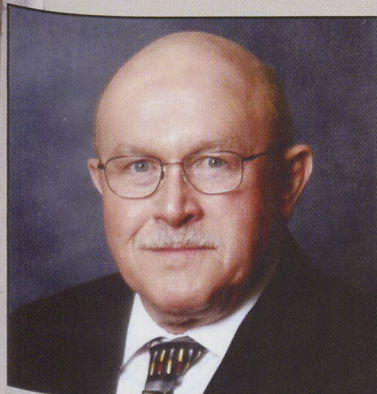
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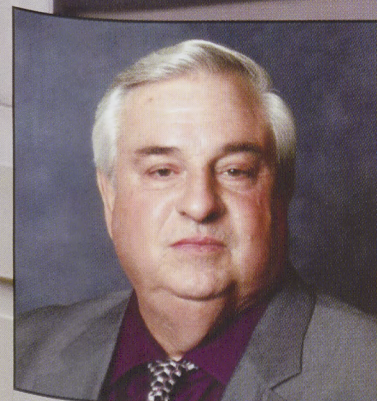
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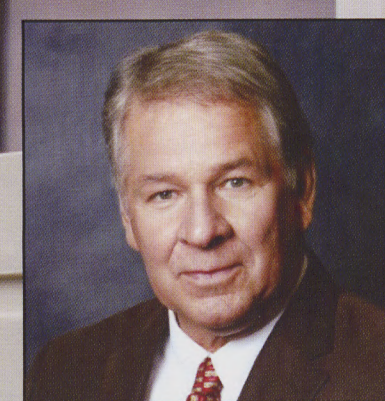
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Southwest has something to offer everyone who strives to advance himself or herself through education. The college has a beautiful campus, great facilities, and an outstanding faculty, staff, and administration; these factors all contribute to an excellent place to start or continue one's higher education.

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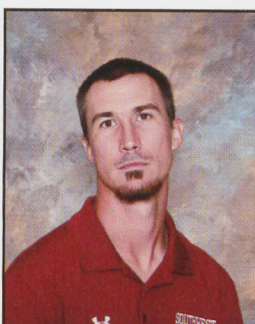
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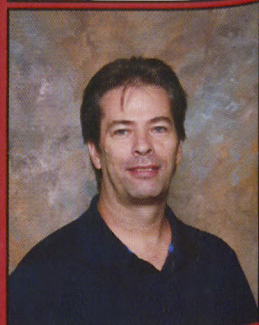
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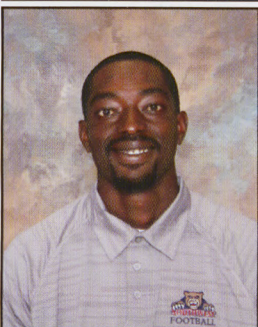
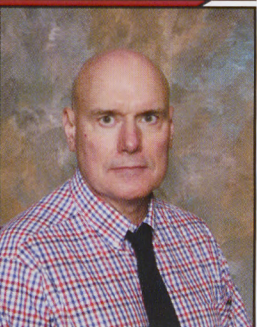
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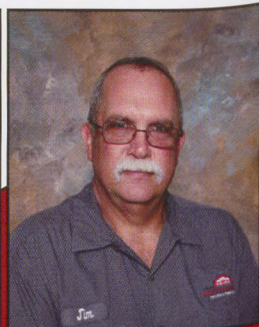
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“ The teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other profession. Therefore, the top ranked administration and faculty at Southwest inspire students to complete their education and make an impact on their future. As an alumna of this institution, I am proud to participate in that endeavor.

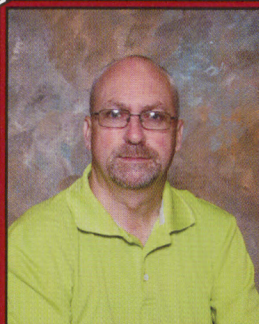
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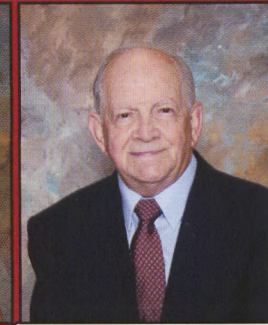
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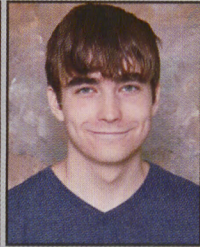
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-Dr. Alana Gabler
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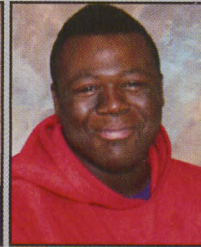
who's who of outstanding students at southwest



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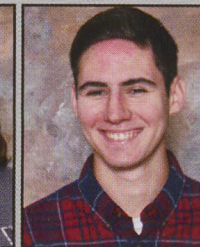
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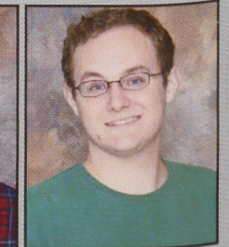
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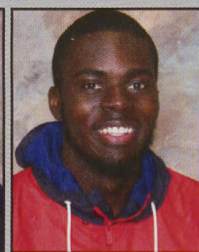
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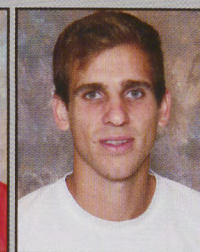
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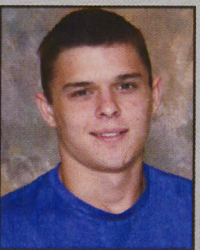
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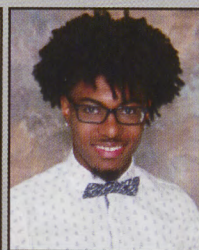
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mike flowers and trulee torres

Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was a program developed by the Legislature of Mississippi and sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year, HEADWAE honored the intellectually talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions for their marvelous contributions to promoting academic excellence. Southwest Mississippi Community College instructor Walter Flowers and Sophomore Trulee Torres were recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence ceremony in Jackson, Mississippi.

Flowers was a graduate of Nicholls State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Business in 1972 and a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision in 1985. Flowers served in higher education for thirty-eight years, including eleven years at Southwest. He was an Occupational Safety and Health Technology instructor. He was a member of The American Society of Safety Engineers and a blood donor. Flowers was supported by his spouse, Nancy Griffin Flowers, his daughter, Michelle Flowers Planche, and his son, Scott Michael Flowers.

Torres, who was married to Jorge A. Trulee, was a McComb resident and a graduate of North Pike High School. She was an exceptional student with a 4.0 GPA, and was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Public speaking during her freshman year of 2017. Torres had a very rewarding career of more than twenty years with First Bank in McComb.

by Caleb Crosby





hall of fame

inducees lead to succeed

Hall of Fame inducees were Evan Busbin, Alexcia Carr, Loryn Hollis, and Brooke Wells. Evan Busbin of Tylertown, Mississippi, was a Music Ministry major. After graduation, he hoped to transfer to William Carey. His hobbies were playing guitar, singing, sports, and ping pong. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was involved with stage band, choir, and the BSU Leadership team, where he served as BSU worship leader. He was on the President's List, elected Mr. Southwest Mississippi Community College, and voted Campus Beau in Who's Who. Alexcia Carr, a resident of McComb, majored in Pre-Pharmacy, planned to transfer to The University of Mississippi for a degree in pharmaceutical sciences, and then to apply to pharmacy school at Ole Miss. She served as Student Government Association President, Phi Theta Kappa President, Bear Trackers Student Ambassador Organization President, and Redline Dance Team Co-Captain. She was also involved as the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society Historian, a US-China Exchange Foundation STEM student delegate, and Miss Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Loryn Hollis of Liberty, Mississippi, majored in Elementary Education with an emphasis in theatre. After graduation, she planned to attend Weber State University. She was very active in the arts at Southwest as a Redline dancer and captain, SMCC Choir member, stage band vocalist, stage band dancer, and Bear Voices Broadway Performer. Her other activities were SICC Choir Clinic Participant, MACJC Legislative Luncheon Soloist, Bear Tracker, APEX Leadership participant, and she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa where she served as Phi Theta Kappa Recording Officer. She received the Southwest Mississippi Community College Stage Band Award and was on both the Dean's List and the President's List.

Brooke Wells of Summit, Mississippi, majored in General Studies and planned to earn a bachelor's degree and pursue a career in Occupational Therapy. At Southwest, she was a member of the Redline Dance Team where she served as Team Co-Captain. She was also a member of SMCC Baptist Student Union Leadership Team as Worship Leader and Student Government President during her freshman and sophomore years. Brooke participated in Bear Trackers, stage band, and choir. She was recognized as Who's Who Class Favorite for her freshman and sophomore years.

by Caleb Crosby

above: Alexcia Carr, Evan Busbin, Brooke Wells, and Loryn Hollis pose for a photo; left: Evan Busbin sings his solo for the audience; far left: Brooke Wells serenades the fans; top left: Alexcia Carr twirls the flag during the halftime show; top right: Loryn Hollis entertains at the Spring Stage Band Show.

MR. SMCC

**Evan
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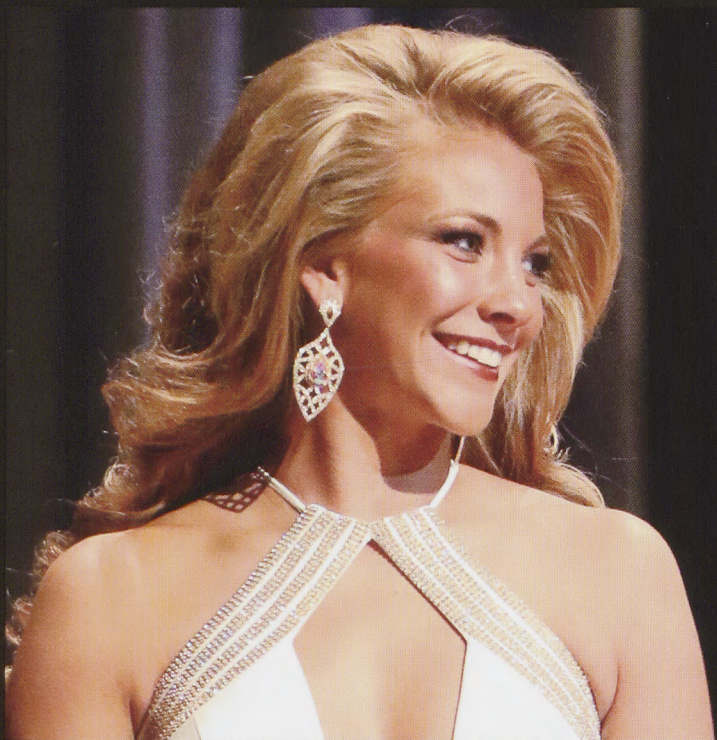
Alexcia

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parade of beauties

liza nettles beams with pride



Eighteen young women gathered with one common goal: to achieve the title of Southwest's "Most Beautiful." The pageant opened with the procession of the contestants as sophomore Loryn Hollis sang "Legendary." Her voice captivated the audience and complemented the graceful movements of the girls. Host Amy Gazzo introduced the 2016 title holder for "Most Beautiful," Monica Amic. The event was judged by Matt Hall; Laura Lee Lewis, Miss Mississippi; and Michael Marks. After Evan Busbin sang "A Sky Full of Stars," the ladies returned for the Individual Evening Gown Modeling. The judges were very attentive to the candidates' steps and smiles. Each of the eighteen contestants walked across the stage to model their gowns for the judges, and while scores were tallied, the members of Who's Who were presented individually. Evan Busbin was Mr. SMCC. Alexcia Carr was Miss SMCC. Campus favorites were Hunter Temple and Brooke Smith. Juwan Adams was named "Most Handsome." This year's beaus were Antonio Cowart, Israel Coleman, Chase Hughes, Myles Kendrick, and Jacob Wilson. Sophomore Favorites were Angel Holmes, Diamond Issac, Brooke Wells, Boyd Dunnam, Andrew Garner, and Javian Jackson. Freshman Favorites were Anna Klaire Dorr, Aleigh Flynn, Anna Morgan Smith, Bailey Norman, Caleb Poole, and Tyler White.

While the judges deliberated, Amy Gazzo interviewed Miss SMCC, Alexcia Carr, and Student Body Maid, Loryn Hollis, about their time and experience as students. Soon after, the decision was announced. The ten contestants moving on to the next round were Shayla McGuffee, Jaime Leigh Lowe, Hannah Owen, Kelsi Goudeau, Jami Ashton Spears, Aleigh Flynn, Brooke Smith, Anna Morgan Smith, Shakira McBride, and Laura "Liza" Nettles. Following the announcement of the top ten, the remaining beauties modeled once more for the judges to make their final evaluation. As they glided across the stage, Loryn Hollis stunned the crowd again singing "My Man." The five runners-up were Jami Ashton Spears, Anna Morgan Smith, Hannah Owen, Aleigh Flynn, and Brooke Smith. Laura "Liza" Nettles was crowned "Most Beautiful." Each of the five runners-up, along with the winner, were each awarded with a bouquet of flowers. The momentous occasion was memorable for all of the contestants and their families.

by Kimi Jeanson and Jonathan Scott



left: The Most Beautiful and top five campus beauties, Anna Morgan Smith, Brooke Smith, Hannah Owen, Liza Nettles, Jami Spears, and Aleigh Flynn, pose for a photo; opposite page: Parade of Beauties crowns Liza Nettles as Most Beautiful; top left: Brooke Smith smiles at the judges; top right: Hannah Owen models her evening gown; middle: Jami Spears acknowledges the crowd.

campus favorites

**Hunter
Temple**

**Brooke
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most handsome and beaus



Antonio Cowart



Juwan Adams



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Jacob Wilson

freshman favorites



**Anna Morgan
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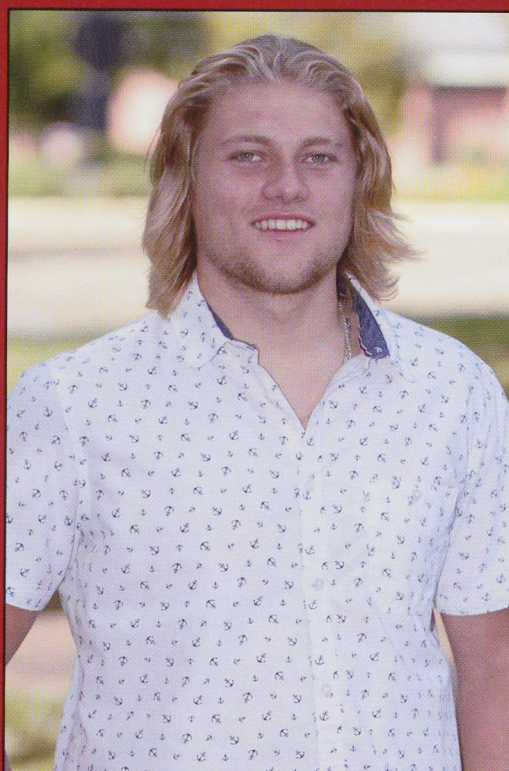
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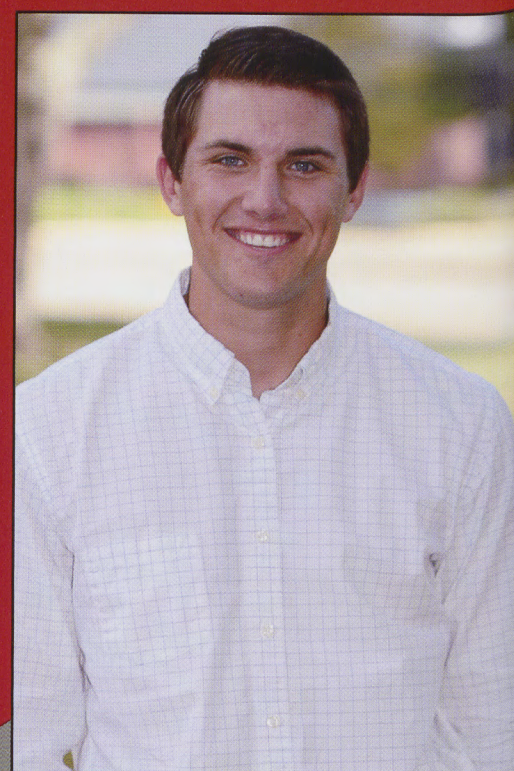
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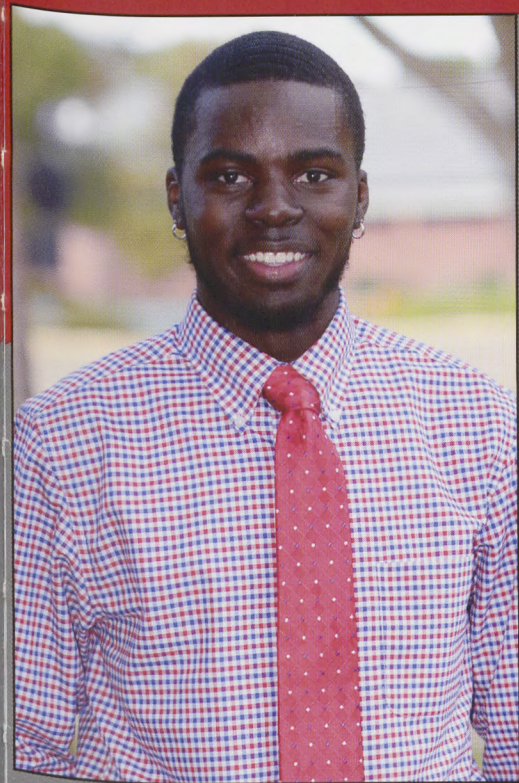
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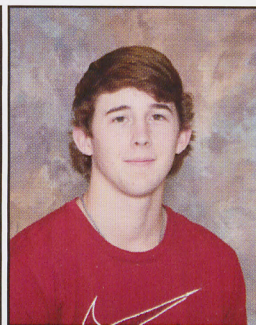
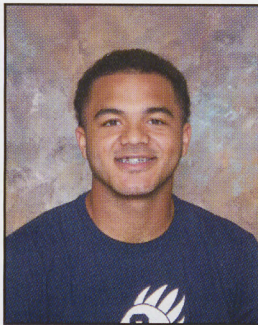
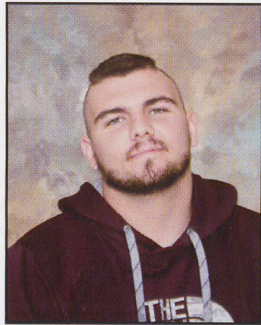
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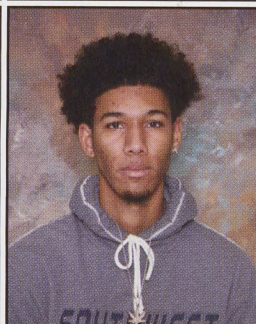
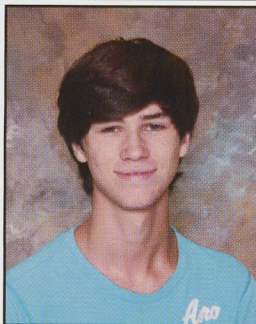
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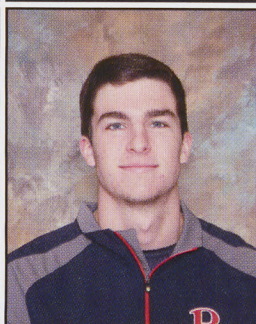
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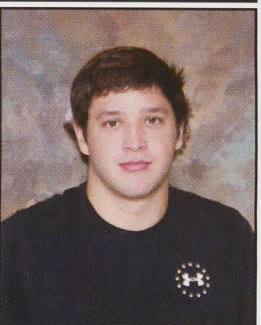
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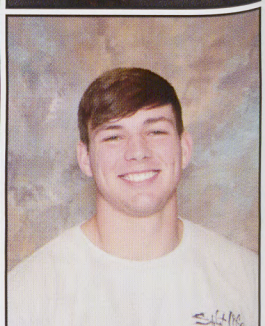
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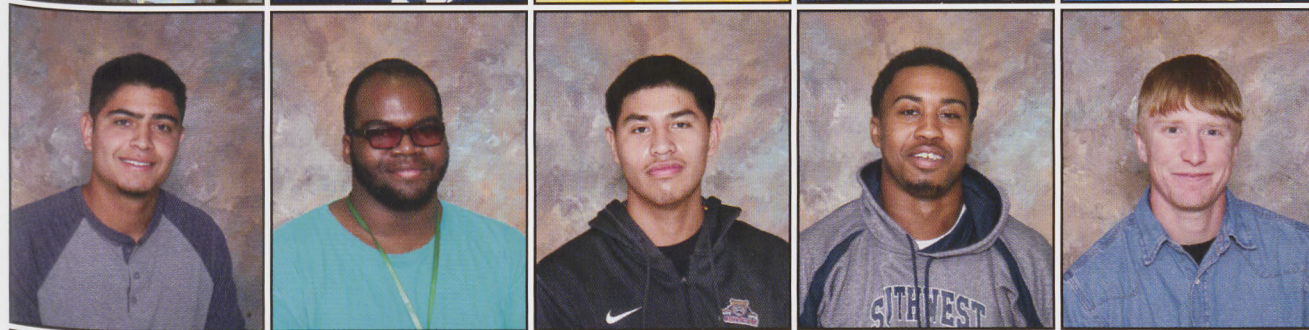
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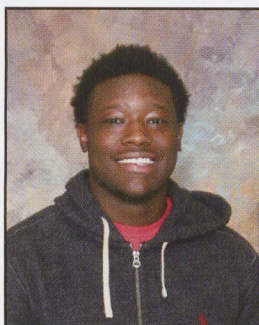
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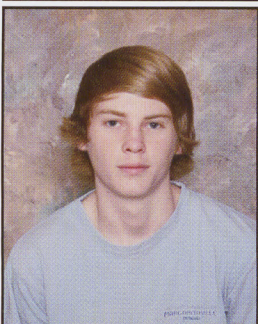
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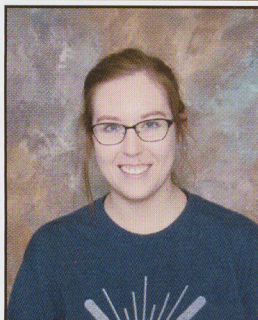
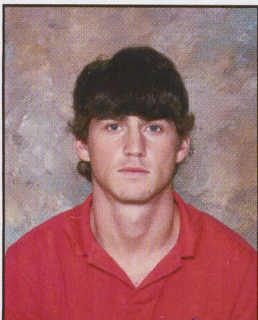
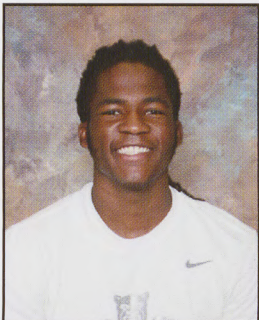
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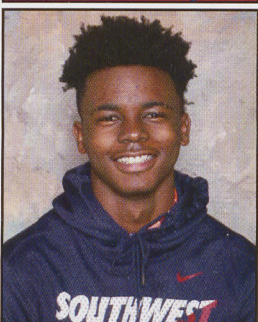
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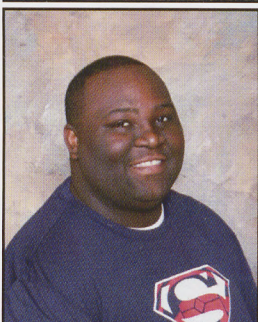
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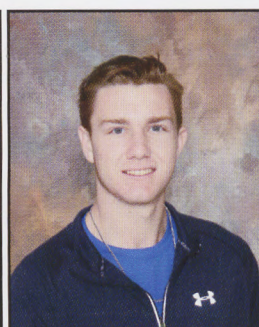
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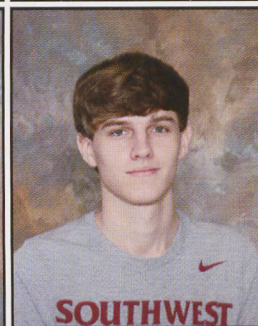
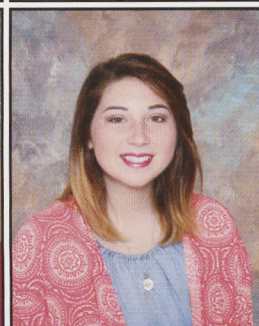
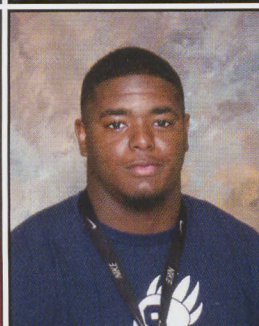
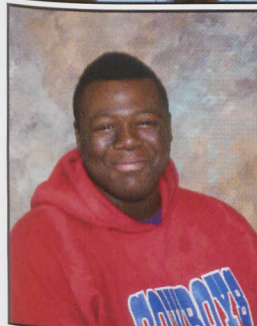
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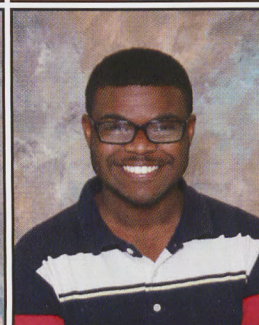
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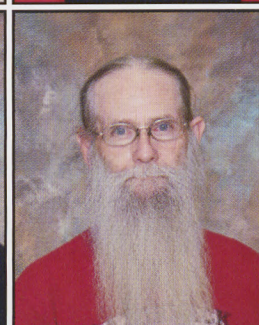
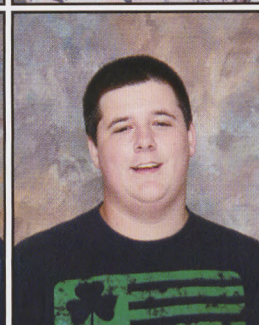
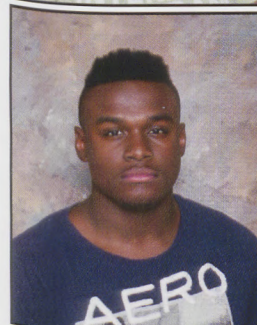
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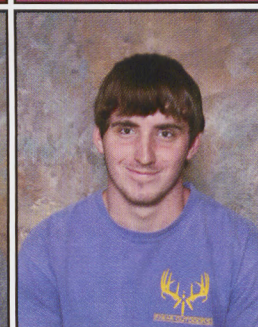
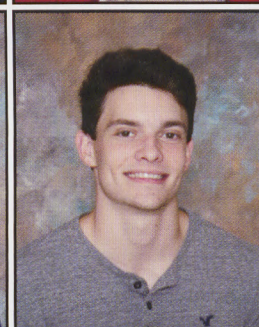
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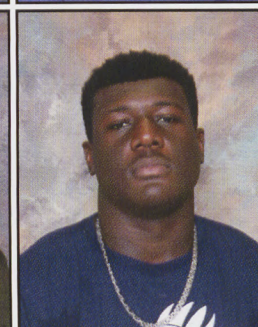
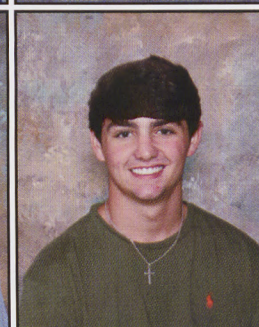
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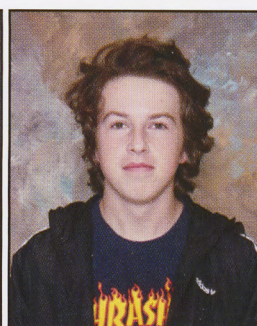
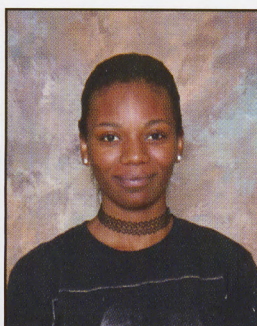
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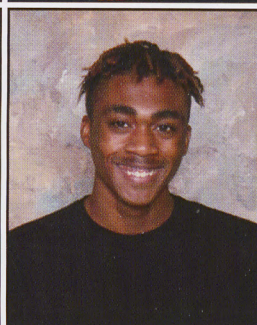
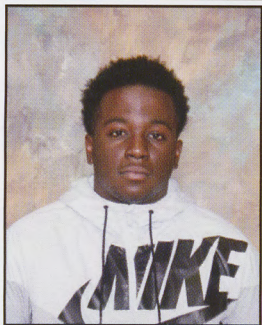
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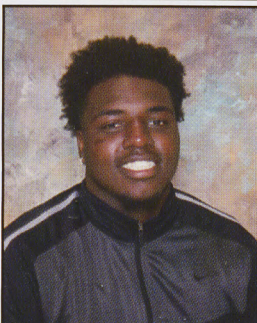
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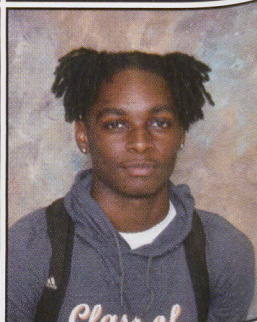
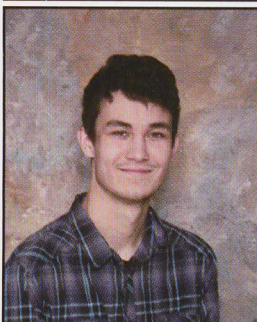
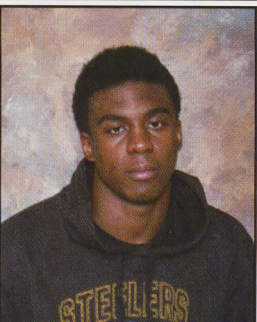
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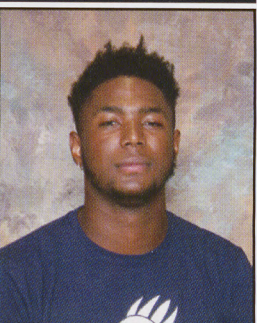
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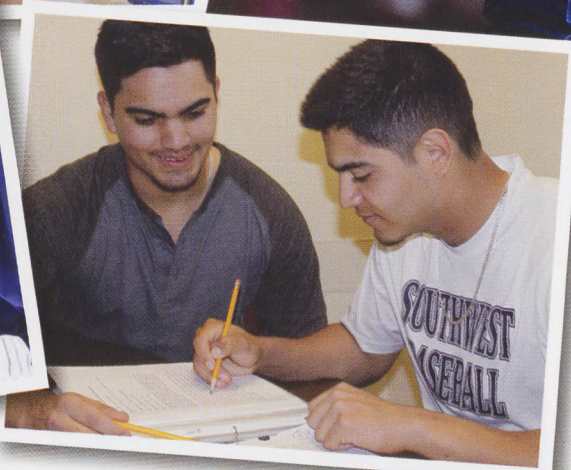
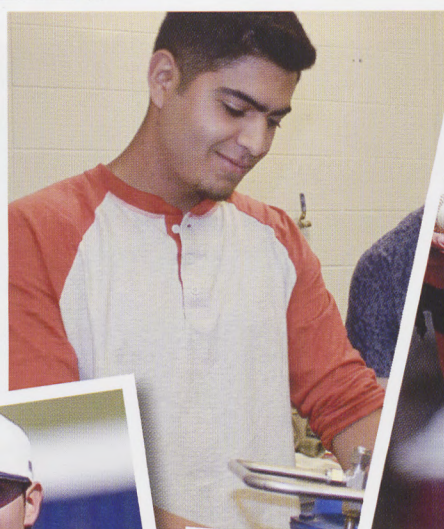


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fidel and paco bello

Baseball was an important of life for Fidel and Paco Bello since early childhood. The brothers played together growing up and continued to do so as teammates with the Bears, Fidel as a catcher and Paco as a pitcher and infielder. Fidel and Paco were born in Acapulco, Mexico. At the ages of six and five, they moved with their family to Arizona for a short period of time and then to Canton, Mississippi. Neither brother spoke English when first arriving in the country, but both said that it was not hard to learn primarily because of hearing it spoken so often.

Paco began playing baseball at age four in a recreational T-ball league. He said that the sport was “a huge part of my life because I was able to travel and learn more about life here.” Fidel had a bigger adjustment to the game because he didn’t start playing until age nine. While everyone else, he said, “started playing on the T-Ball level” he started out with “Coach Pitch and it took me awhile to play well.” Both Fidel and Paco played high school baseball at Canton Academy before arriving at Southwest.

At Southwest, Fidel was a sophomore majoring in general studies while Paco was studying Major Process Operations technology as a freshman. Fidel said his career as a Bear started out when he “played a showcase game here and the coaches saw me play” and apparently liked what they saw. When given the opportunity, Paco also became part of the team. He made that decision, at least in part, because “my brother received a scholarship here and it made me want to come,” too, he said. “I also felt like I belonged here after my visit.” After graduation, Fidel would like to continue with the game. “I would love to see myself playing at a higher level and be the best player I can be,” said Fidel. “I want to reach my highest potential” in the sport. However, Paco was not sure what role baseball might play in his future.

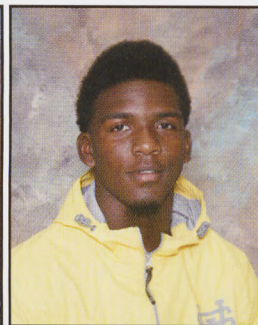
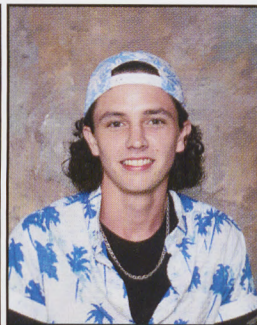
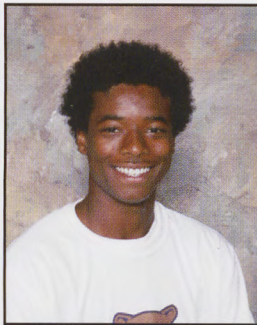
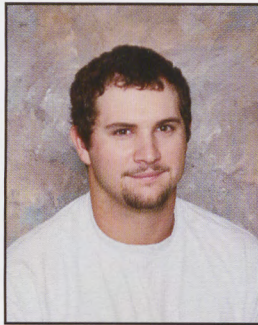
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“ I wanted to play college baseball with my brother and being at the same location made that easier. -Paco Bello ”

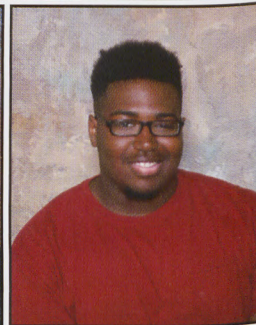
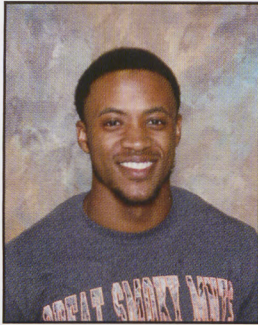
“ It's a great honor to play with my brother. It gives me more confidence to play. -Fidel Bello ”

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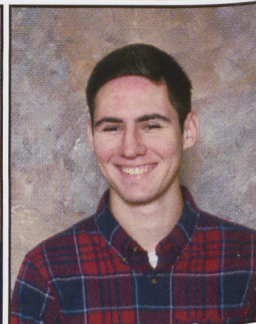
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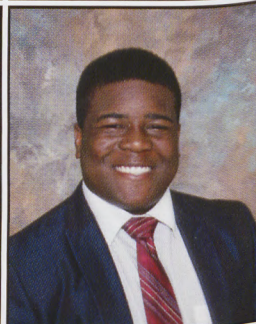
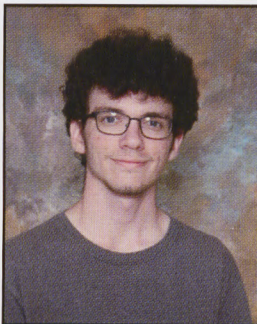
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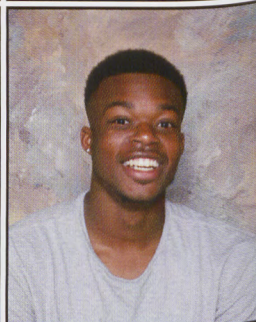
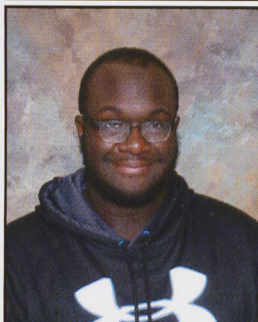
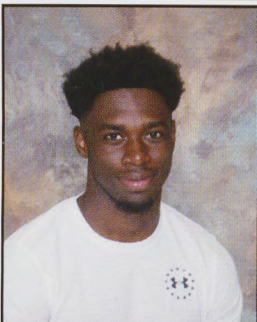
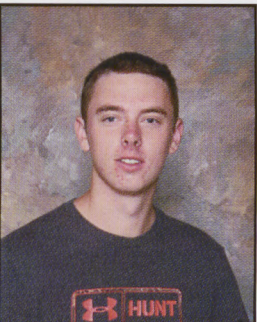
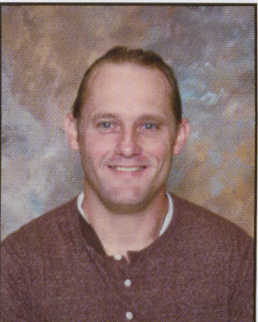
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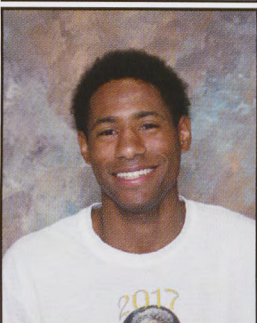
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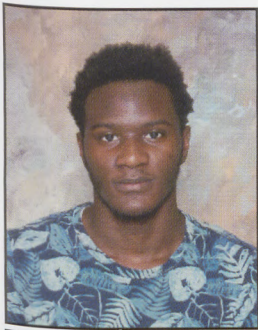
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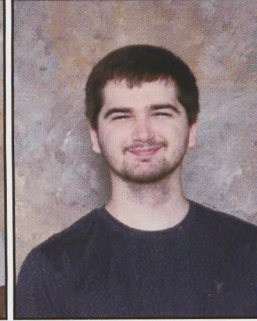
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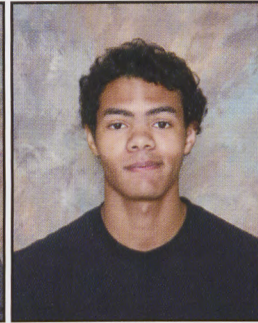
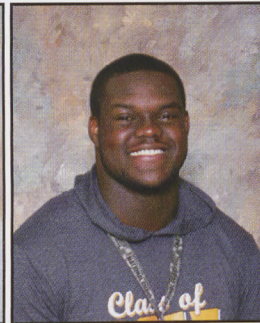
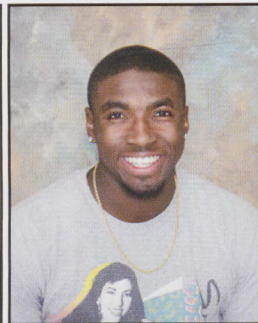
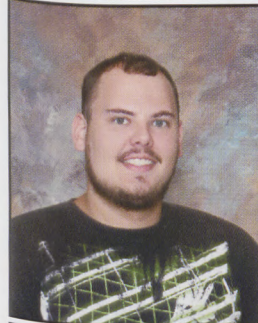
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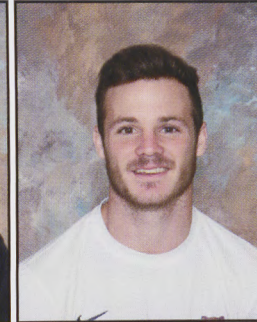
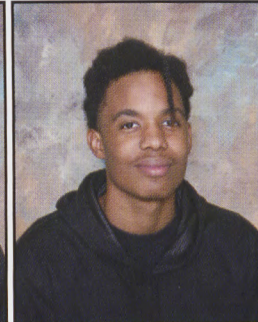
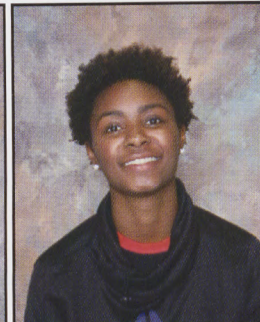
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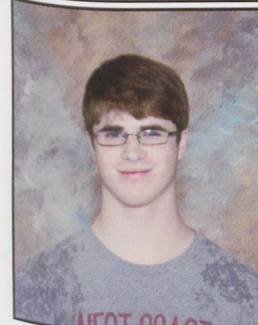
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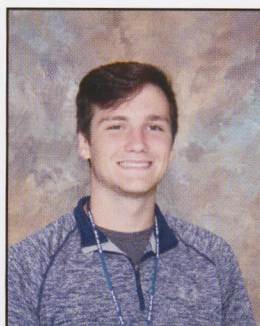
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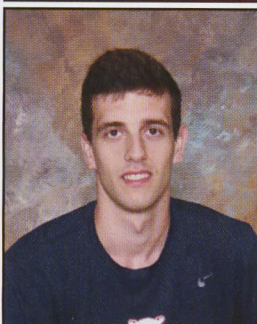
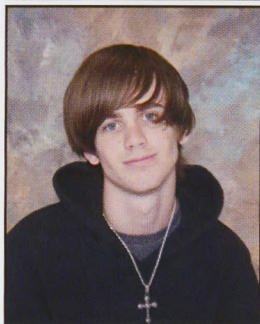
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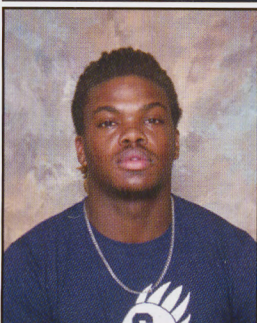
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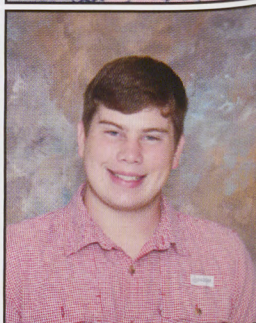
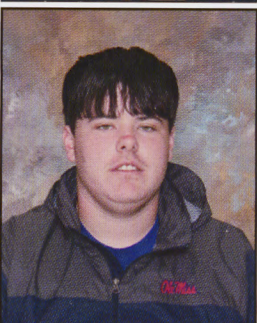
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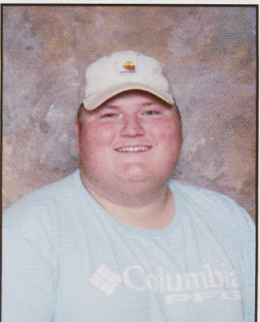
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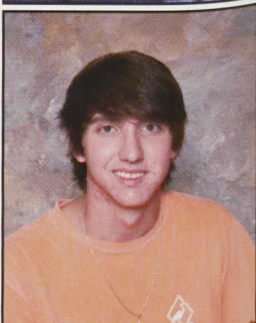
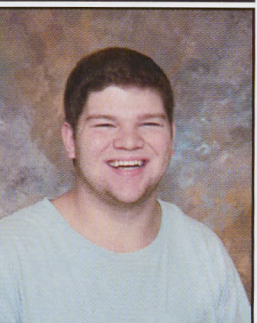
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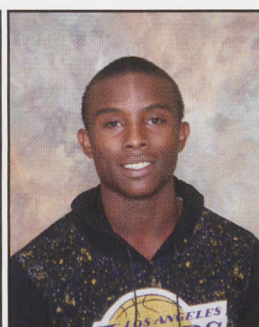
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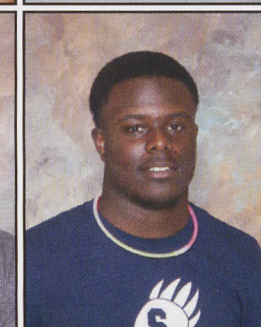
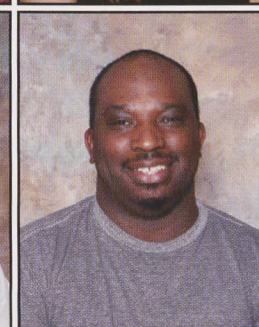
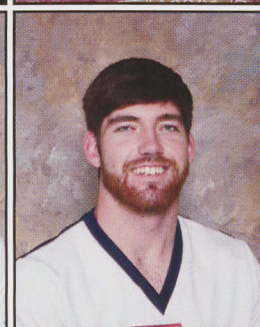
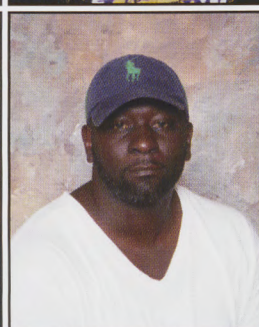
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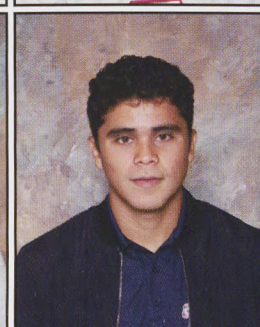
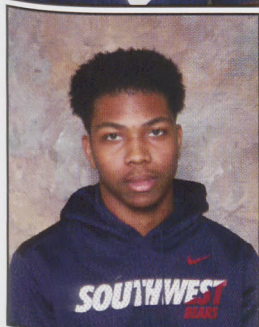
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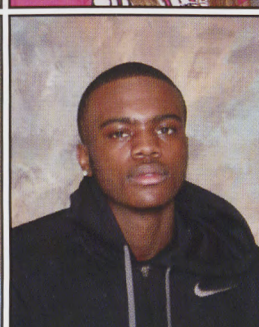
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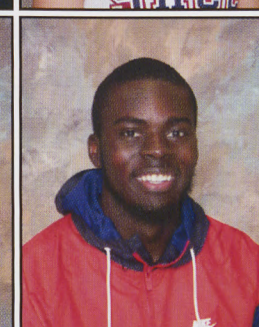
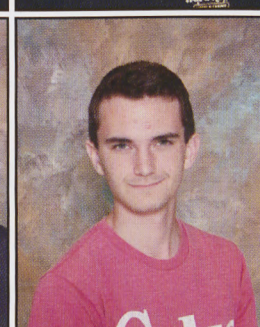
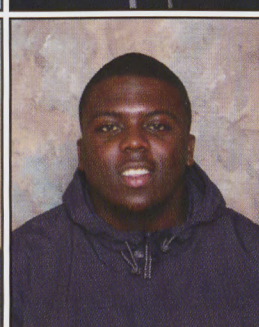
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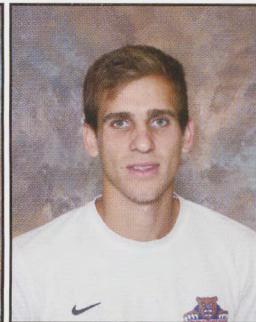
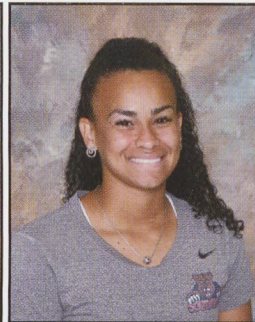
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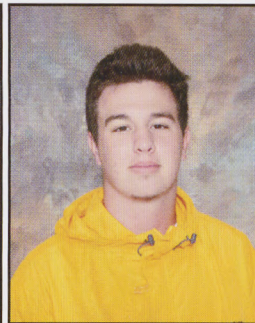
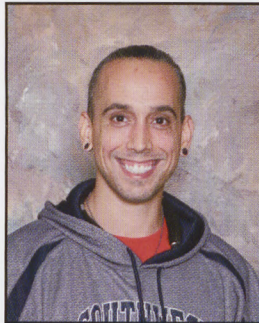
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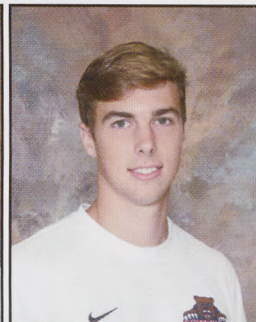
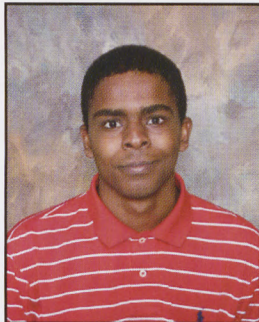
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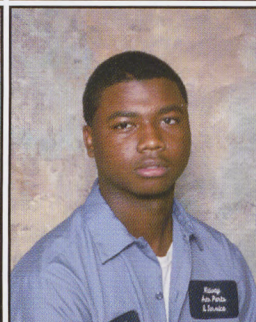
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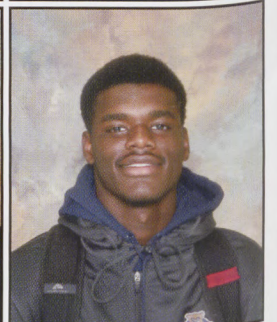
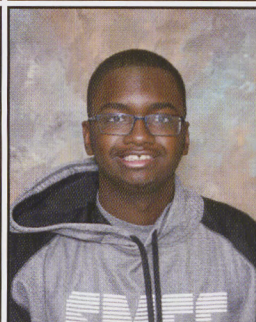
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Ailin Franzante was a biology major at Southwest and member of the women's soccer team. She was the daughter of Cristian and Paula Franzante. As an international student, she was originally from Neuquén, Argetina, and attended high school at Instituto María Auxiliadora. She has always enjoyed soccer and grew up playing the sport with her father and her two brothers, Luciano and Agustin. Her love for soccer continued to grow as she got older, and she soon was offered the opportunity to play the sport at Southwest.

Initially, Franzante was studying law, but the idea of becoming a lawyer could not compare to her desire to pursue soccer. In May of 2016, she attended a soccer camp in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she met Southwest men's soccer coach Zack Mills. Mills offered her a scholarship to play soccer at Southwest, and she accepted. The following August she started as a student at SMCC and joined as a member of the Lady Bears soccer team.

Franzante noticed a lot of culture differences after moving to the United States and she sometimes missed Argentina. A big difference to her was the way food was handled. She noted that in her home country food was more naturally prepared. Despite the differences between the two countries, there were many things she liked about America and Southwest. She had many friends in both countries and she made really good relationships with her instructors and coaches, and she felt secure at Southwest. The on-campus environment was extremely appealing to her as well.

In addition to the soccer team, Franzante was also involved in other activities and hobbies. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and she enjoyed art, singing, dancing, being outside and playing the guitar.

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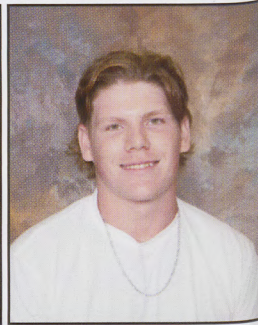
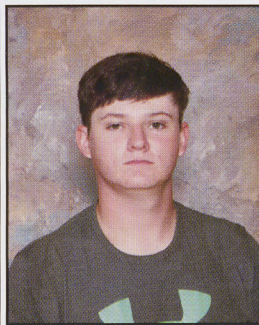
“ *I love nature, and I love the trees... I feel more freedom to go places here at Southwest.* ”
- Ailin Franzante

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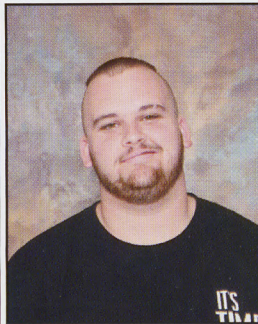
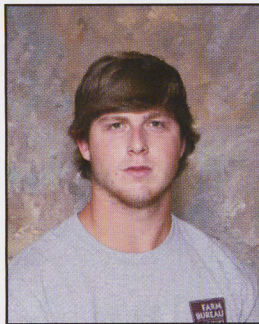
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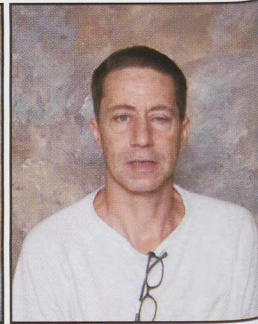
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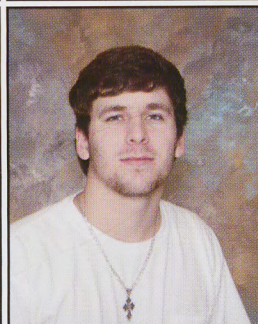
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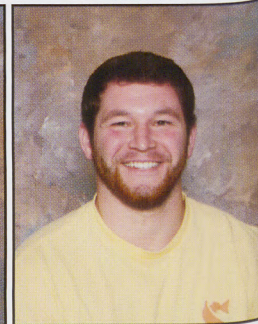
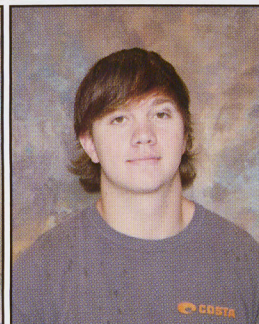
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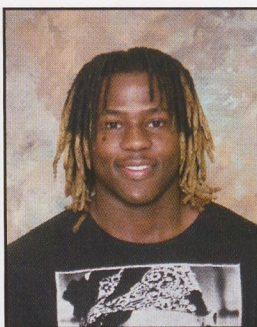
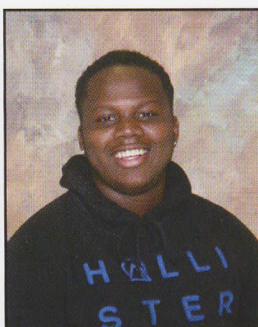
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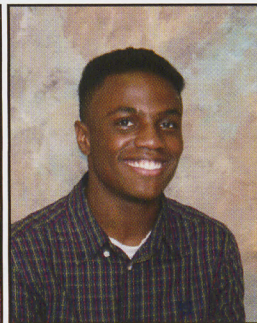
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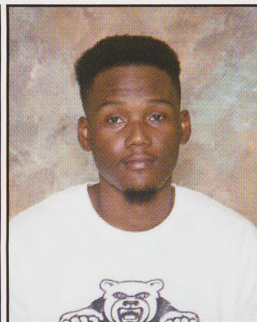
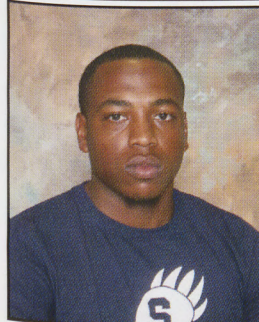
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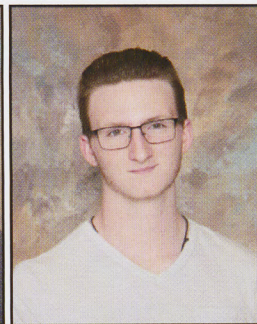
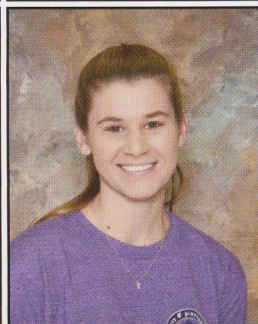
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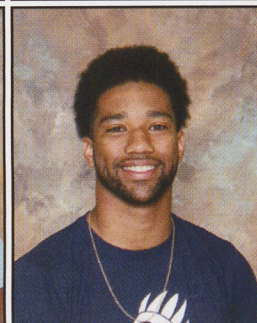
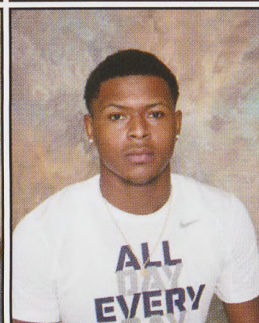
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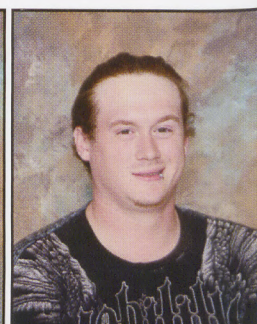
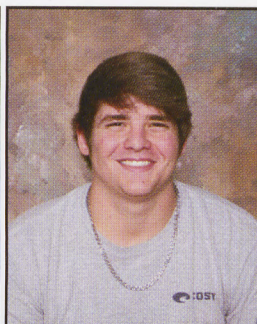
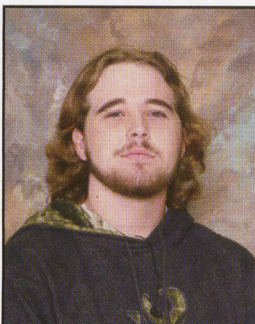
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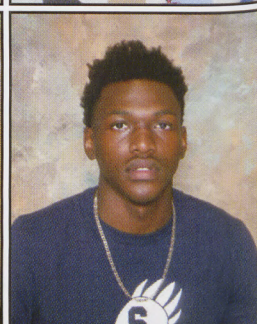
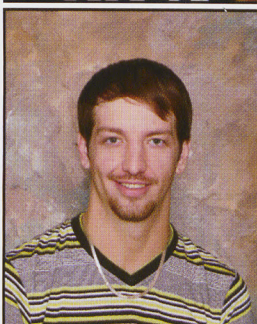
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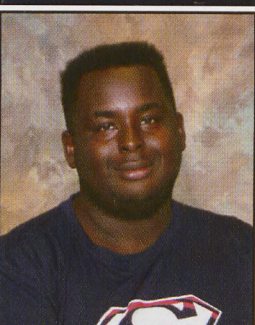
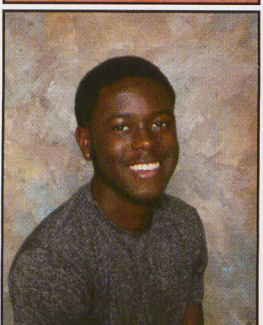
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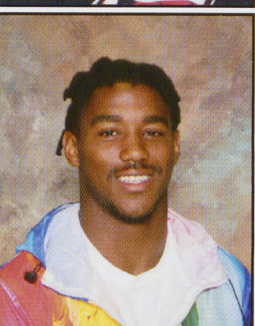
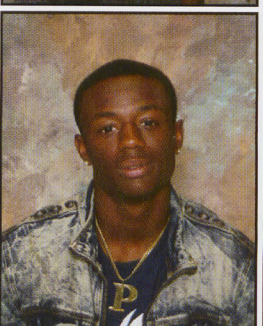
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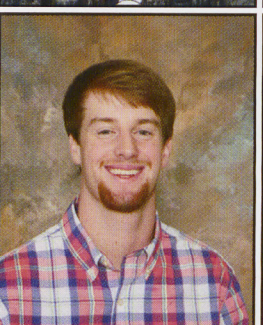
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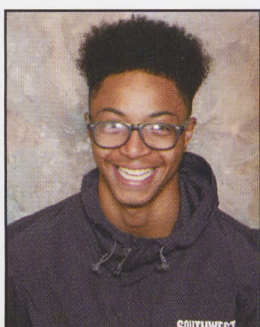
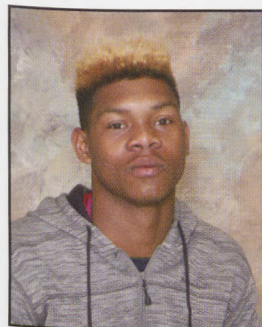
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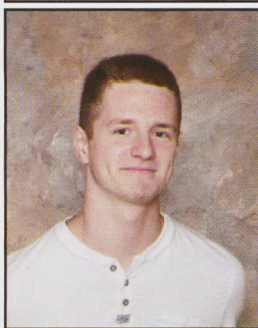
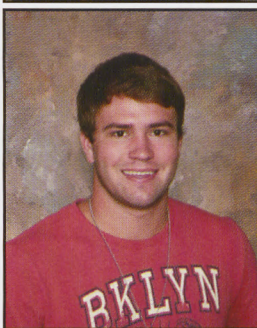
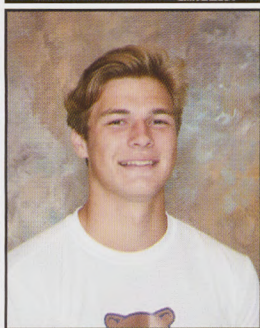
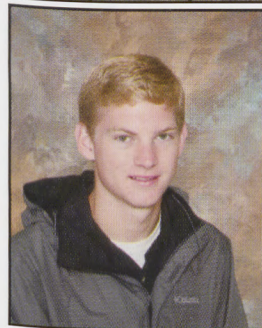
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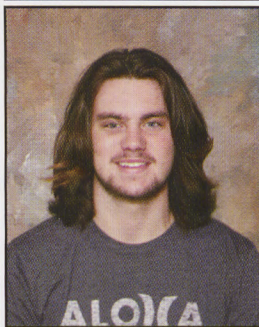
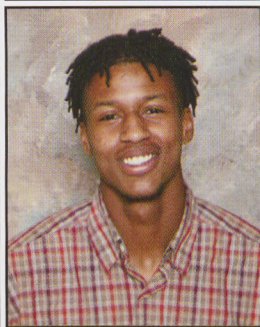
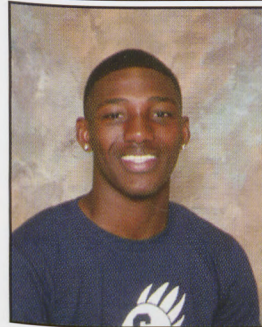
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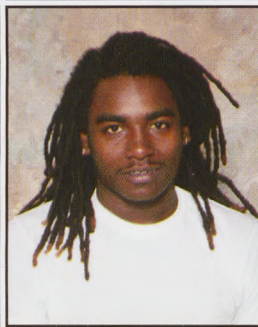
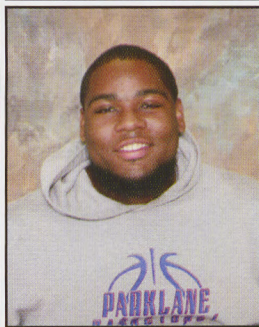
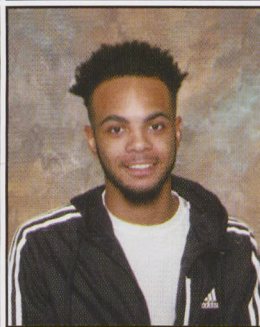
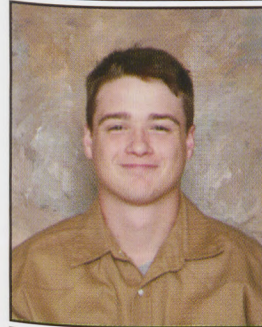
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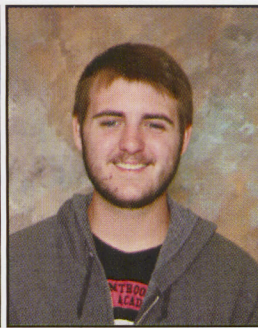
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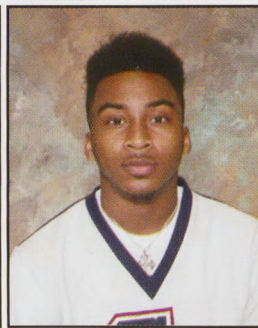
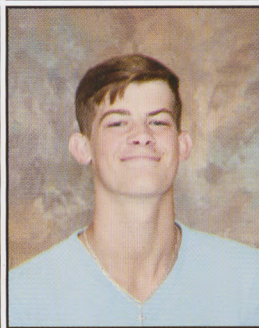
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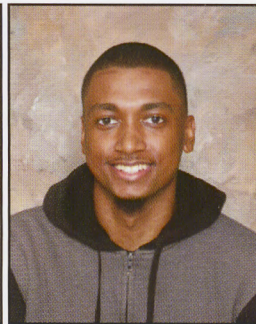
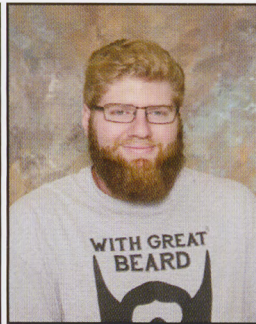
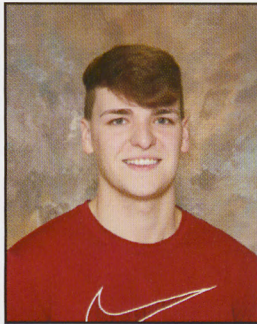
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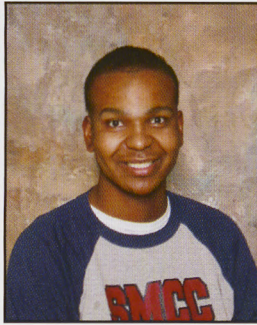
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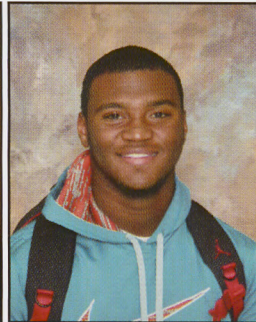
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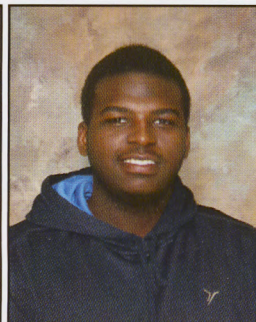
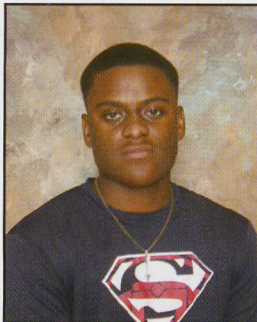
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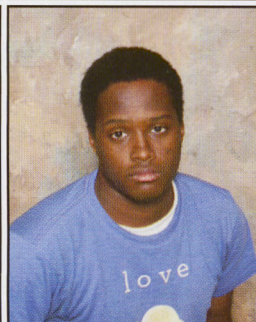
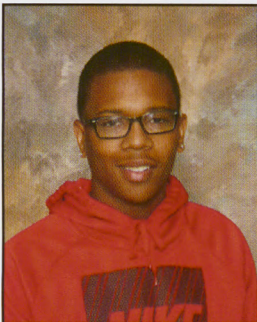
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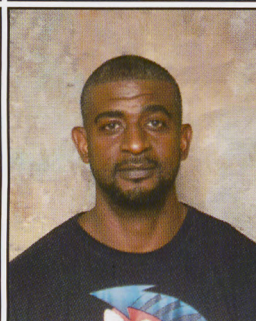
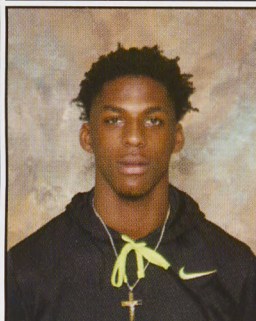
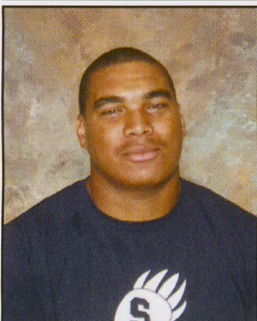
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caleb crosby

Caleb grew up in Lincoln County. As a child, he loved to spend the afternoons playing in the woods, reading books, and riding his bike up and down the roads near his house. "I always dreamed of just getting on my bike and riding away, of going off to see the world and have an adventure," he said. After he graduated from Bogue Chitto School, he joined the U.S. Navy where he worked as a mechanic. After the Navy, he moved back to Mississippi to go to school here at Southwest Mississippi Community College. When asked about why he decided to attend Southwest, Caleb said, "I realized that I belong in school, and I knew that Southwest was great for academics with a nice campus. Both my parents graduated from here, and it's close to home."

Caleb was a co-editor of the *Pine Burr*, a member of the *Whispering Pines* yearbook staff, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Outside of school, Caleb spent most of his time reading, and his favorite book was Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. He also enjoyed studying the Japanese language. His goal was to read classic novels in Japanese and be able to translate literary works into English. His other hobbies were cycling and hanging out with friends on the weekends. After graduation, he planned to transfer to Ole Miss and major in linguistics. Caleb hoped to use his language skills for a career as an English Second Language teacher or a translator.

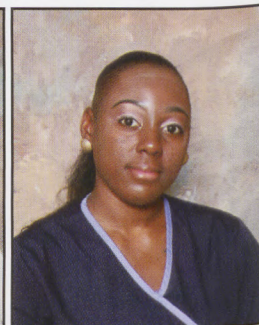
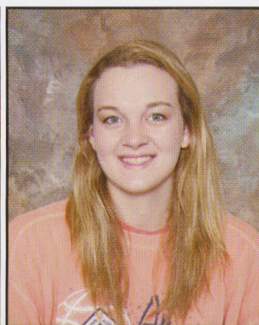
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“Southwest has excellent academics with instructors who care about their students. The food in the cafeteria is excellent, and we have ducks.”

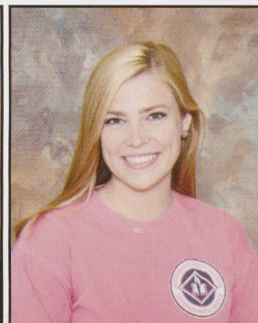
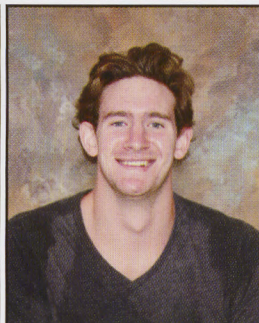
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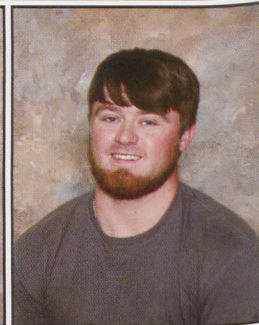
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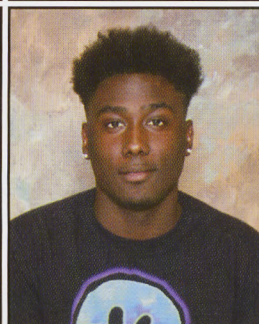
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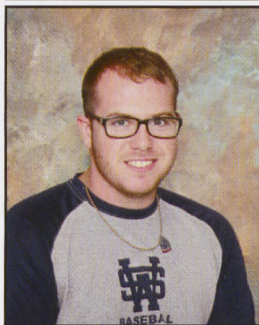
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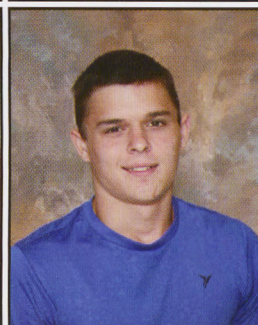
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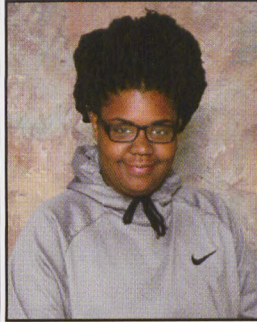
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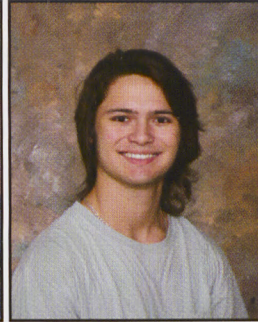
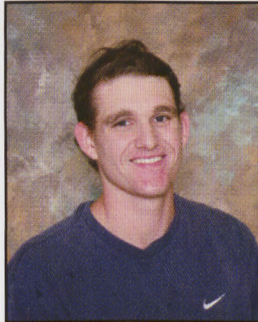
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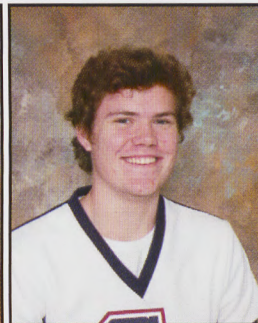
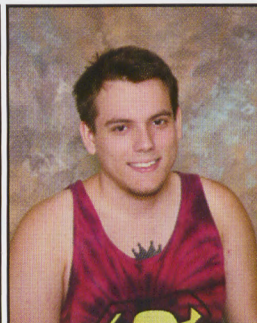
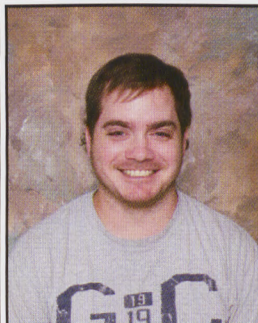
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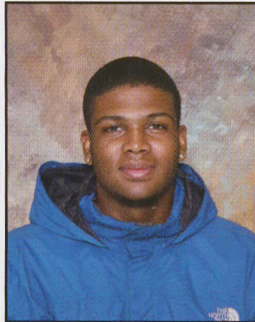
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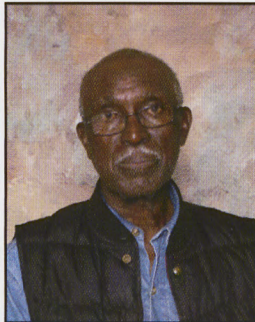
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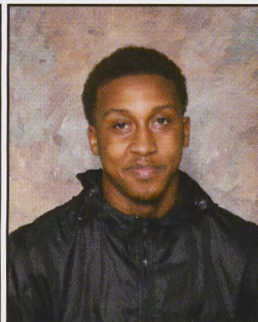
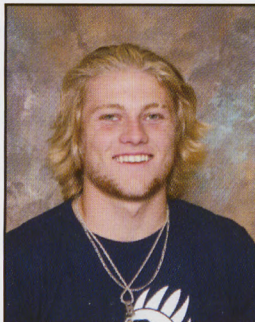
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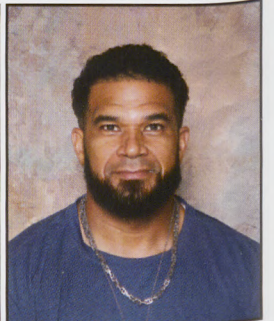
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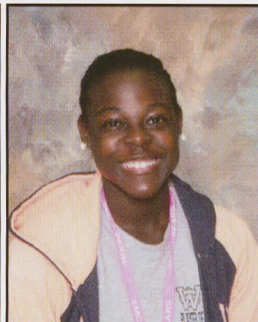
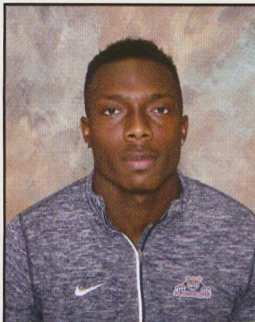
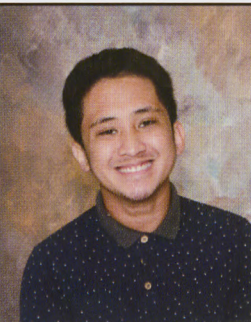
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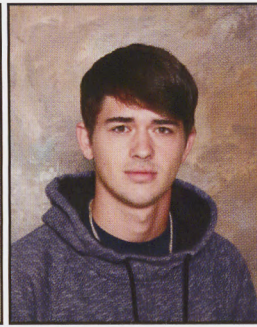
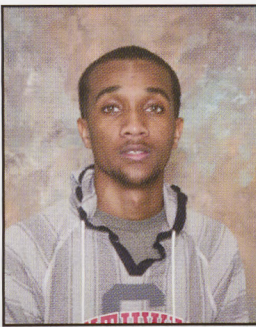
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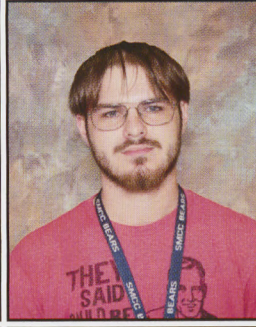
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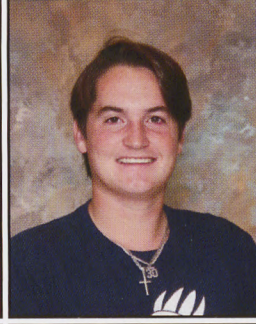
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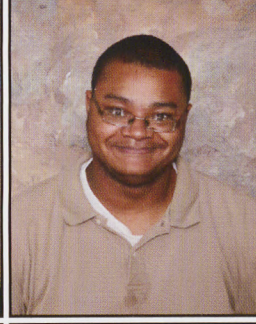
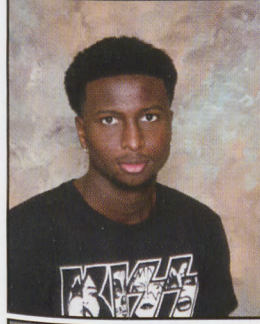
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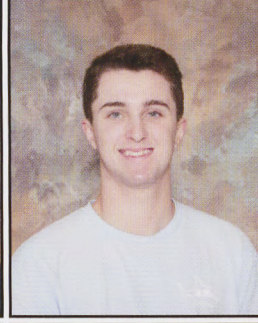
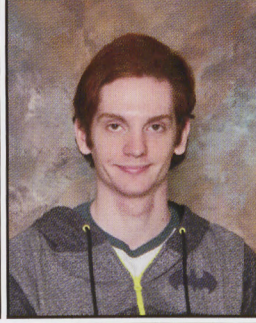
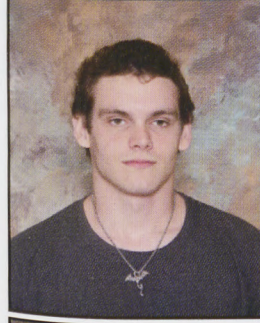
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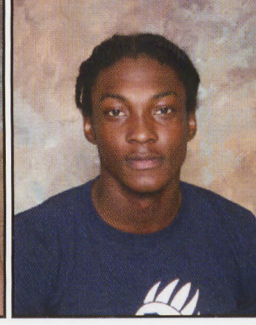
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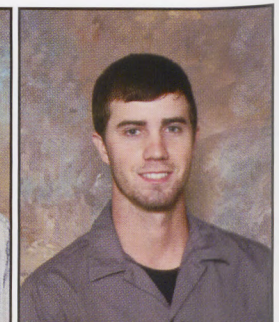
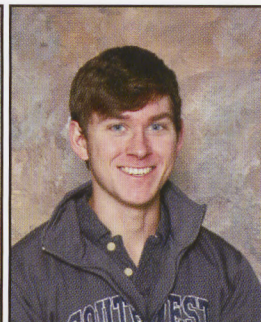
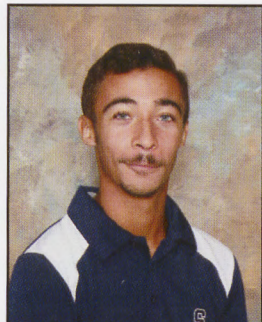
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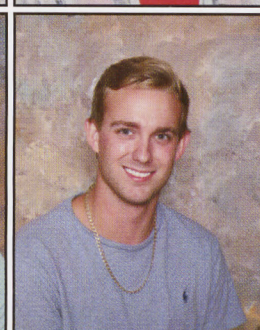
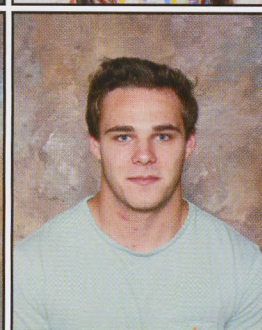
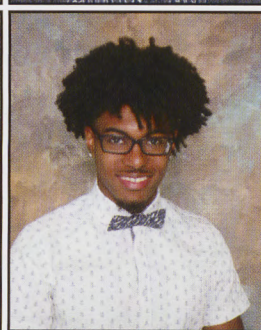
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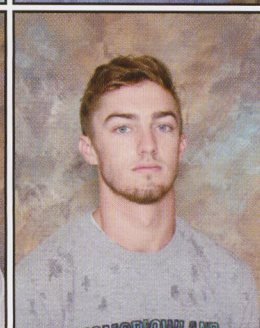
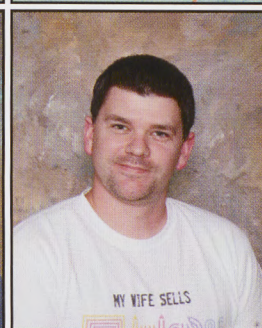
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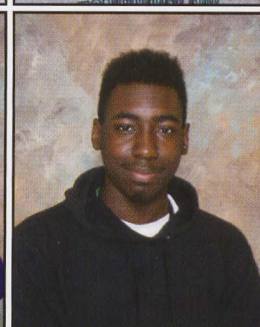
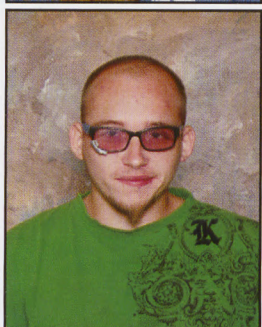
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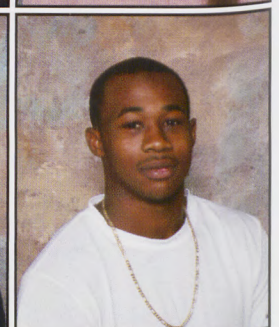
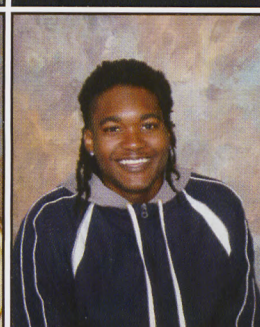
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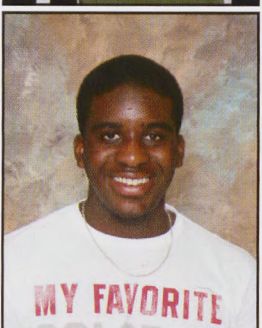
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caitlin smith

Caitlin Smith was a welding student at Southwest. Originally from Brookhaven, Mississippi, she learned to weld at an early age. Describing herself as a “country girl” and not a “girly girl,” she spent a lot of time with her father learning hobbies and skills while she was growing up. When she was in second grade, her dad taught her how to weld for a project she had and she had been doing it ever since. She remodeled her room at the age of fourteen, and in high school she took classes in construction as well as engineering. As an eleventh grader she took extra classes and applied for the welding program at Southwest for an early start. She chose Southwest because it had a two-year Associate’s Degree program, which is what she wanted to pursue.

Smith loved building things and welding, and her ultimate goal was to be an inspector. She was one of only few females in SMCC’s welding program, and was the first to complete the program.

“Because I’m a female, it’s difficult for us to go out into the job field without proper certifications,” she said. Smith was employed to teach a class at Southwest’s Workforce Training facility and was a student teacher intern. After becoming an inspector, she will also be certified to teach. Smith also noted that in the field of welding, women make more money and were more stable in their jobs, adding another benefit to the path she had chosen to follow. In addition to welding and building, she also enjoyed fishing, working on vehicles, making jewelry, and teaching children at church.

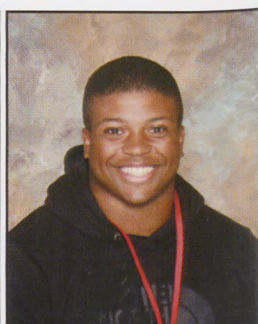
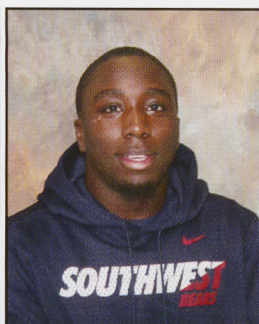
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“*I am so thankful for my education at Southwest that opened many doors for me and gave me future references for my career in the welding industry.*”

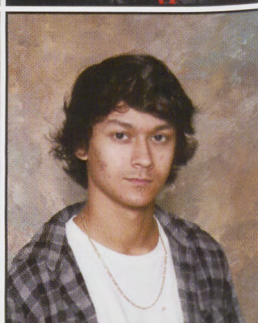
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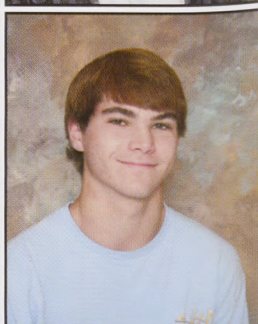
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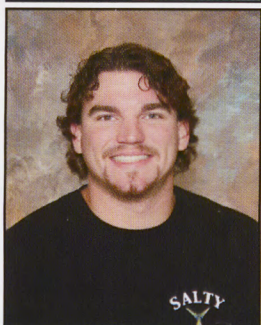
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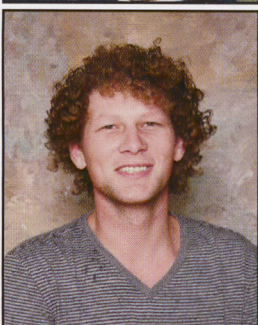
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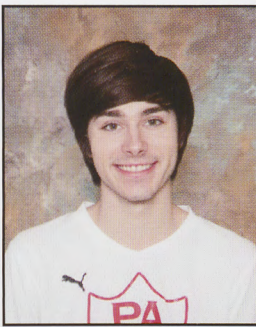
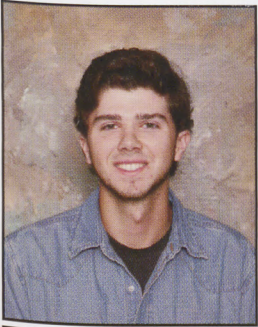
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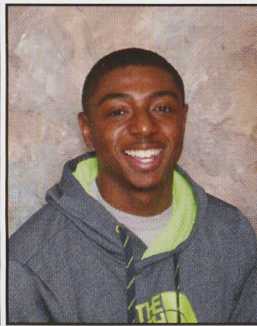
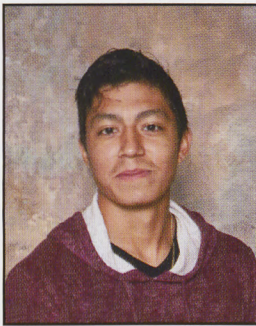
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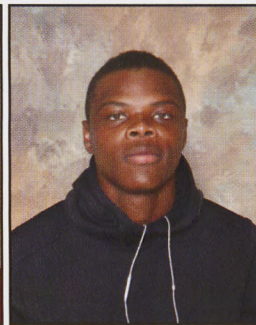
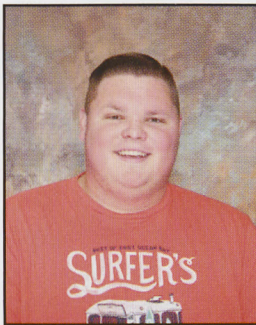
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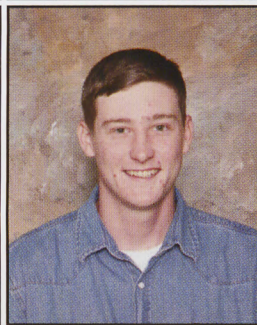
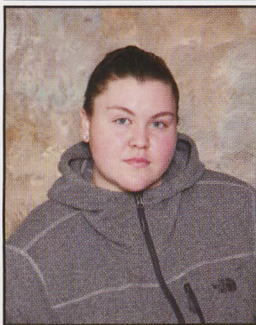
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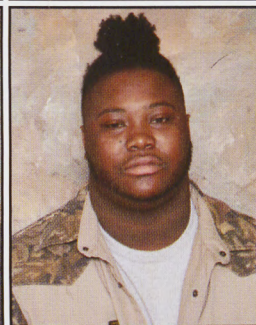
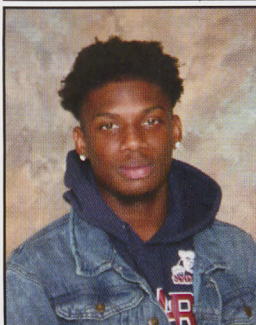
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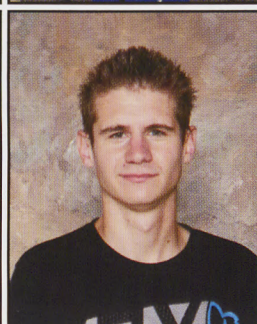
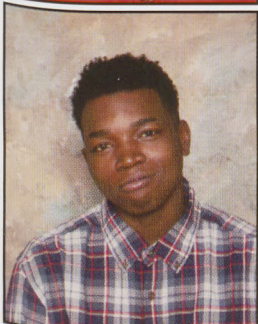
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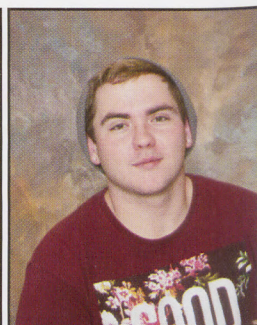
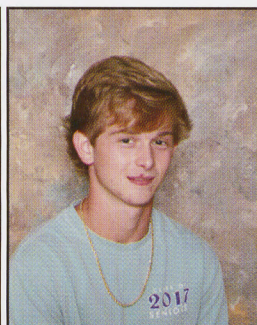
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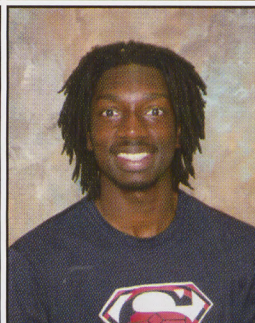
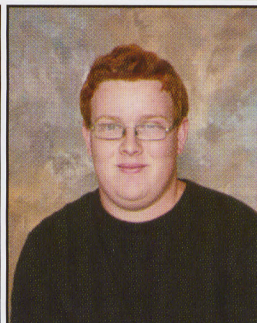
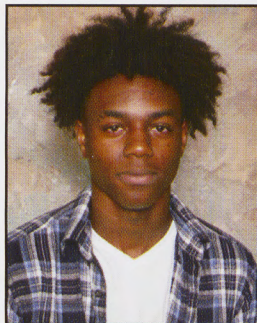
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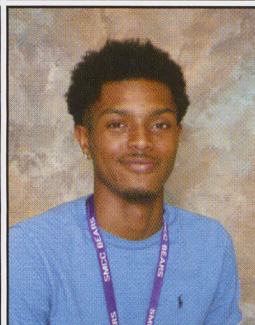
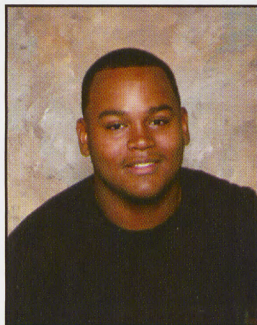
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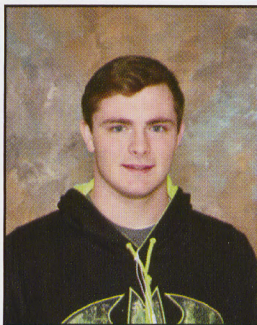
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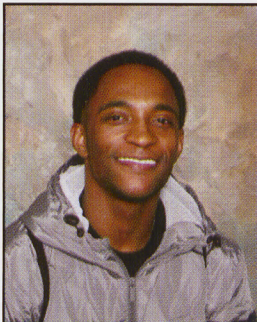
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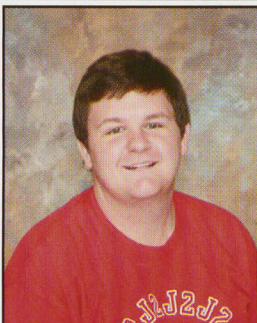
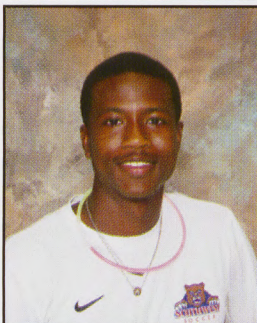
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alex dobrijevic

Aleksa “Alex” Dobrijevic was a freshman at Southwest. He majored in pre-engineering and was also a member of the basketball team. Basketball was an important part of his life and he had played it for eleven years. He started playing the sport at a young age because he always liked basketball and thought that his tall stature would help him be good at it.

Dobrijevic was originally from Belgrade, the capital city of Serbia. According to Dobrijevic, basketball and college were separate in Serbia, and it was difficult to achieve success simultaneously on the court and in the classroom. He moved to the Kansas in his senior year of high school so that he could prepare to play basketball on the collegiate level. A former coach of Dobrijevic’s knew Thomas Gray, the head coach of Southwest’s basketball team, which ultimately led to him being a member of the team. Being a student at Southwest and playing for the basketball team has had a very positive impact on him, and was an experience he was grateful to have. There were many things he missed about his homeland, but he seemed to easily adjust to life in the States, and met a lot of generous and kind people in doing so.

“I like the people,” he said. They are warm and everyone helps me when I need it, especially the coaches.”

A passionate drive for basketball has carried Dobrijevic through his life, and he wanted that drive to continue. In the future, he hoped to continue basketball and go on to play professionally in Europe. As a pre-Engineering major, he also wanted to own his own company. “Building things, but that’s a long way off,” he said. In addition to basketball, his other hobbies included playing soccer and watching movies.

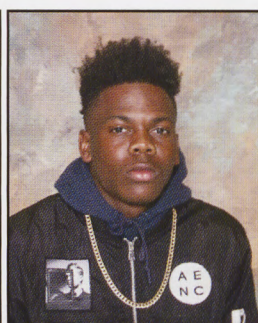
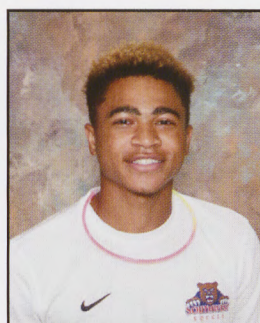
by Jonathan Scott

“I like the people around here. Everyone is nice to me. I like to see the gym packed almost every game, and I like the basketball program and coaching staff.”

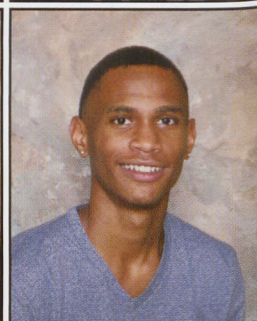
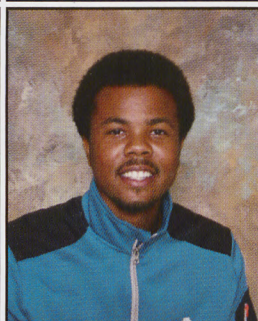
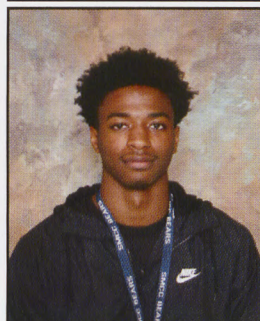
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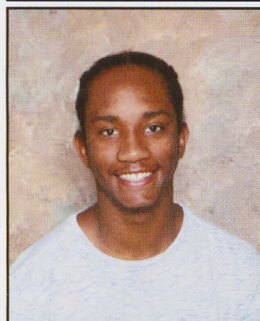
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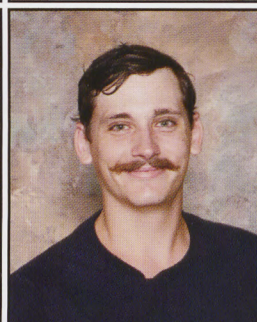
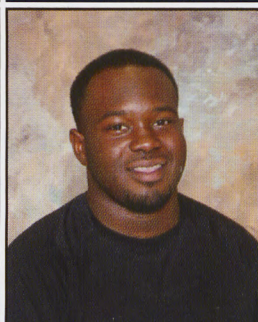
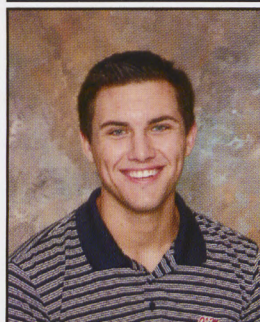
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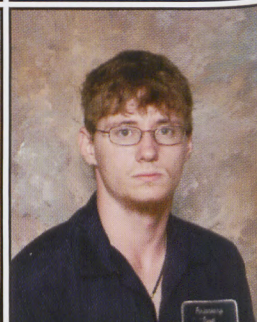
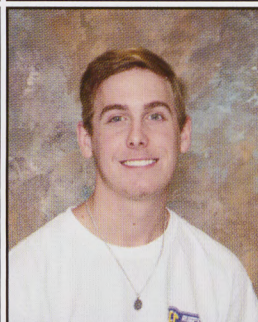
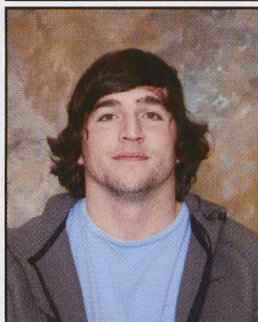
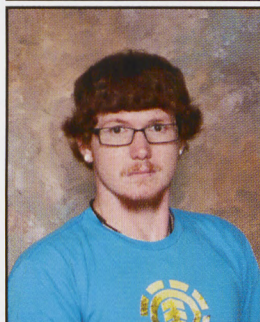
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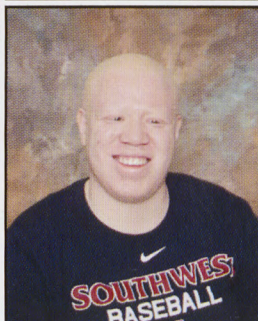
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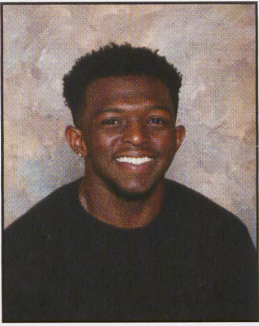
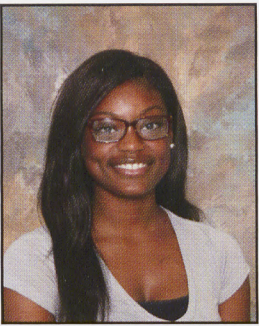
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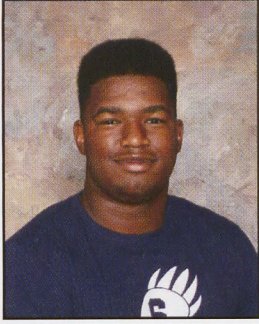
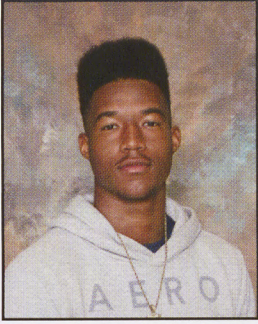
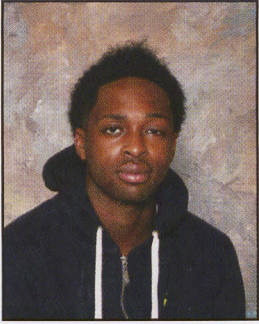
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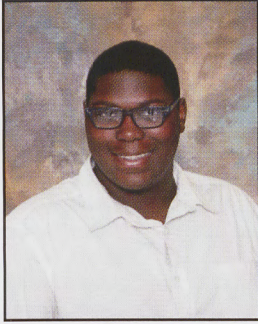
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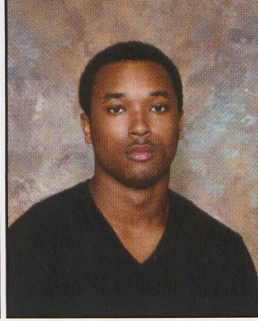
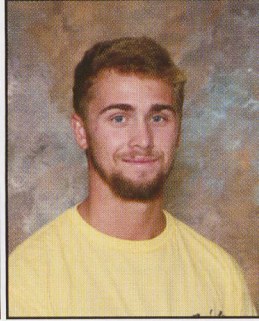
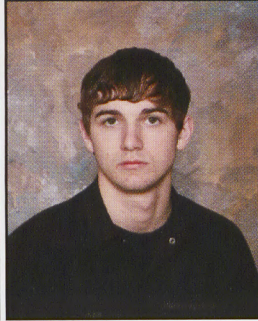
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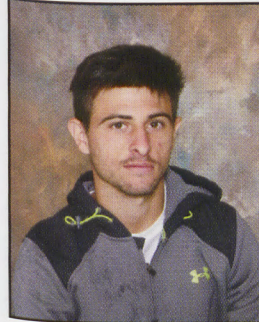
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left: Baseball players unite to celebrate winning the game as a team; right: Liza Nettles laughs as she reads the cartoons; far right: Elizabeth Foster watches the geese play in the water; below: Edward Howard cheers on the football team on a Thursday night.



An overwhelming feeling of connectedness radiated throughout Southwest. Everyone, from students and faculty to off-campus community members, participated in campus events that helped round out an overall memorable year. In the classroom making the grade and on the field making the score, the Bears united in showing how they were linked to Southwest.

Recognized by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize, Southwest proved itself a formidable institution. The award recognized four areas of outstanding achievement: learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students. Students never missed an opportunity to associate themselves with Southwest. Student enrollment increased by 2.5% in the fall, ranking Southwest as fourth out of fifteen among Mississippi community colleges in overall student enrollment increase.

by Olivia Saldana



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editors' notes

The *Whispering Pines* yearbook staff knew that everything our school was known and loved best for was exemplified by the word "connect." Every athlete in our football, basketball, soccer, and softball programs each united as a team. Our student body fused learning and fun inside the classroom. They networked outside in our clubs and organizations. The hard work and undivided focus of our students and faculty at Southwest Mississippi Community College was profoundly evident in all we did. We joined together as editors to preserve our special memories here in the most accurate way possible. It was our personal goal and responsibility to record the experiences on this campus in a way that allowed students to associate the pictures and people in the yearbook with the memories they held dear.

We thanked our committed staff who adhered to projects and worked countless hours on them with us cropping photos, editing proofs, and writing copy. We were so grateful for our faithful leader and advisor, Mrs. Joyce Mabry, for her dedication, patience, and helping hand throughout the year. Neither this book, nor we as editors would be what we are today without her. Most of all, we appreciated the administration for their commitment to join with us in our efforts by providing us the means to create such an extraordinary publication.

Brooke Smith, editor; Kimi Jeanson, co-editor; Kaitlyn McCarlie, co-editor

above: Kimi Jeanson, co-editor; Kaitlyn McCarlie, co-editor; and Brooke Smith, editor; connect while working on the yearbook.

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The journalism classes at Southwest Mississippi Community College created the 2018 *Whispering Pines*, Volume 86 under the direction of journalism instructor Joyce Mabry. Balfour Publishing, Dallas, Texas, printed the book; Karen Loden was the company representatives. Individual student and faculty portraits were taken by Dr. Chuck Barnes Photography and King Photography, and other photos were taken by Kimi Jeanson, Noah Martin, Elise Parker, Joyce Mabry, and Amy's Creative Imagery. The yearbook contains five videos and QR Codes. The videos were created by Dr. Andrew Dale. Press run was 1000.

Cover: The cover was printed in 4/C process on Lithocote material with gloss lamination. Embossing was applied. The fonts Marengo and Rinna were used on the cover and for headlines and sub-headlines. The logo was created and designed by Stephen Williams, graphic designer.

Photography: Photos were printed in CMYK at a resolution of 300ppi. Photos were taken with Canon digital cameras.

Production: The 2018 *Whispering Pines* was produced with Dell computers using Adobe InDesign CS6 and Photoshop Elements 8.

Typography: Headlines and secondary headlines were in Hammer style using Marengo Regular and RinnaT Roman. Body copy was in 10 pt. Times New Roman font. Captions were 8 pt. Times New Roman font. Folio was Marengo Regular.

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